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Arkangel

We are very pleased to say that the last issue of Arkangel was amongst the most popular ever and we hope this one will be just as well received. In order to provide widespread coverage of what is happening in the animal rights movement however, we do need to receive that information in the first place, so if you are involved in a local animal rights group or other animal protection society please do keep us informed of your group's activities on a regular basis.

In the last issue we mentioned the various Arkangel projects that have been set up and we would now like to report on the progress that has been made with these.

Arkangel Information.

A database is now well on the way to being set up to provide local animal rights groups with as much info as possible about animal abuse and animal abusers in their own areas. Already we have a great deal of information on file about the vivisection industry, fur trade, meat industry, factory farming, bloodsports, etc., and we have arranged with the Animal Rights Coalition that, starting in the autumn, this will be mailed out on a regular basis with their newsletter to as many local animal rights groups as possible.

Arkangel International

Work has begun in helping to set up networks of local A/R groups in other countries. Countries covered so far include Holland, Belgium, Spain, Denmark, Japan, Italy, Malta, India, Uruguay, Israel and Greece. Sometimes this work just involves finding people abroad who are interested in setting up a local A/R group network there and giving them ideas and encouragement. At other times more is needed, such as the supply of literature and funds to get the network off the ground.

A recent example of this concerns Greece. An Arkangel representative, who was on one of the Greek islands

helping to protect sea turtles, made contact with several Greek A/R campaigners interested in really getting things moving over there. This came as a very pleasant surprise, as we have frequently been told it would be virtually impossible to find Greek people willing to campaign against the widespread animal abuse in their own country. Hunting of wildlife is endemic in Greece and the fur trade is still very big. There is a huge stray cat and dog problem and the danger of factory farming 'food' animals springing up unless there is opposition. On the other hand, animal rights campaigners have tried to sabotage hunting (resulting in some of them being shot and injured by hunters) and there is considerable opposition to vivisection. The Green/vegetarian movement is still very small but growing. So despite the unhappy situation of animals in Greece there is hope of a strong A/R movement being created there. We have already supplied literature to Green A/R campaigners but they also need considerable financial support to really build a movement over there. Any donations to help them, or towards our efforts in other countries, should be sent to Arkangel International, BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX. (Cheques/PO's should be made payable to 'Arkangel International')

Arkangel Fundraising.

Several people have come forward offering to fundraise for Arkangel in their local areas. We still need more fundraisers however in order to raise enough to be able to produce the magazine and run the various projects properly - so do write to us if you can do some fundraising.

A little more about Arkangel!

"Arkangel - a nasty little magazine which is basically the ALF Supporters Group Journal under a new and clever disguise..." (Mark Gold, Director of Animal Aid writing in Outrage, September 1990)

Obviously there have been, and there probably still are,

for Animal Liberation

certain misconceptions about Arkangel! From the above you will know that Arkangel is not just a magazine - neither is it an organisation in the normal sense - perhaps it would best be described as an Idea? Anyway, here's a few facts and you can decide for yourself...

Arkangel is NOT associated with or funded by any other A/R organisation. We publish letters and articles from anyone who has something of interest to say to the A/R movement whether they be A/R prisoners, the ALF Press Officer, The Vegan Society, or anyone else (so get writing Mark!). We try to operate a no-censorship policy, but sometimes we have to reject articles which could get us done for incitement or libel. Arkangel has no cash sitting unused in banks - donations and sales of one issue of the magazine fund the next. It certainly has no paid workers! We don't accept paid advertising, but we'll gladly promote anything which furthers the cause of animal rights. We don't say who we are - none of us are in it for personal glory - we're in it for the animals, and after all, no-one really needs to know.

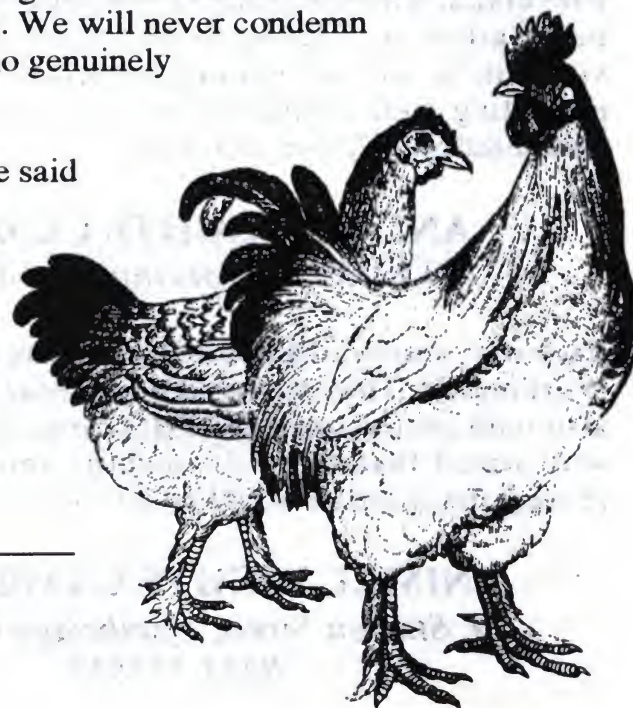
Lots of negatives there, so now some positives... The Arkangel Idea was set out in Issue One back in 1989; a positive approach - no photographs of suffering animals or accounts of the evils done to them - there are plenty of other excellent publications which provide information about the horrors of animal abuse. We attempt to report on what is actually being done to combat that abuse and on the successes that are being achieved. We hope that the

pictures we use in some way celebrate the variety and beauty of animal life.

Secondly, Arkangel provides an open forum for debate. We find it incredible that so many other A/R magazines don't even have a letters page. Why should our ideas and views be any more valid or important than yours? The strategies for achieving animal liberation must be debated and promoted - that's why the Comment section of the magazine is so important. It's where you have a chance to influence our movement.

Thirdly, Arkangel is about unity. Rational debate is healthy, but all too often our movement seems to be tearing itself apart. While we may approve or disapprove of the tactics others use, our common objective remains unaltered - to bring about an end to the abuse of animals wherever it exists. We will never condemn or vilify those who genuinely share our aim.

And finally, as we said at the outset, Arkangel is not just a magazine...



Arkangel has a number of videos available for hire. The hire charge is **£10** per tape *which includes* a **£5** returnable deposit.

Their Future in Your Hands; a film about the treatment of animals. This is an excellent film produced by *Animal Aid* and is suitable to be shown in schools. 13 minutes.

Fur-The Bloody Choice. Produced by *Respect For Animals*. 10 minutes.

Fur Factories. Produced by *Lynx*. 16 minutes.

Bloody Ivory. Produced by *Elefriends*. 90 minutes.

Angling-The Neglected Bloodsport. Produced by the *Campaign for the Abolition of Angling*.

The World Campaign for Bears. Produced by the *World Society for the Protection of Animals; Libearty Campaign*. 5 minutes.

DBAE Conference on Vivisection. Produced by the *Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments*.

Animal Liberation - The Movie & Animal Liberation - The Sequel. Both films contain footage of animal liberation raids and economic sabotage. Not to be missed.

As we only have one copy of each video mentioned, you may prefer to order these films direct from the organisations listed. If you decide to hire one or more titles we would appreciate it if you could return them as soon as possible.

Local Group Reports

ANIMAL AMNESTY CAMPAIGN CENTRE & SHOP

**62 Thornton Street, Newcastle NE1 4AW
091 232 5950**

A successful postcard campaign was launched to ban Robert Bros circus from performing in Stockton, Cleveland. This culminated in a total ban on the circus being allowed to set up here. 51 out of 54 councillors voted in favour of banning the circus. The group are extending their campaign to get circuses banned in the Gateshead and Tynemouth areas.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CUMBRIA PO BOX 47, Workington CA14 1SF

Each day, shows of Robert Bros circus were picketed in Workington. They received good local media attention, also with encouraging feedback from the council leader who stated that, should concerns about the circus be proved, the situation would be reviewed next year.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMBRIDGE 74, Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QA 0223 311828

Participated in the rally/march against Laundry Farm. Brighton was well attended too when the Annual Conference on Laboratory Technicians took place. Amongst the audience were vivisectors and animal technicians! Demos have also been held outside circuses.

A 48 hour sponsored fast was organised with all proceeds being sent to the Dover Docks Live Exports Campaign. Held live exports protest on August 7th to persuade travellers to boycott Stena Sealink Ferries which ship live animals to Europe every day. On 30th

August, the group held a Teddy Bears' picnic in support of 'Liberty'.

ANIMAL LIBERATION (HASTINGS) PO Box 71, Hastings, E.Sussex Sharon 719668 - Kevin 436579

An informative group bulletin is produced and donations are most welcome. Media matters are liaised through their

own Press Officer. Demos taken part in include a torchlight vigil at Dover Docks and at McDonalds in Hastings. Regular stalls are set up in the town centre.

ANIMAL RESCUE PO Box 223, Liverpool L69 7LF

An informative newsletter has been produced called 'Animals Campaigner' at the very fair price of 25p. A national campaign has been launched by Animal Rescue against intensive factory farming of lambs. This included a petition. In February, a public meeting was held which included free literature and stalls selling cruelty-free merchandise.

BARNSELEY ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP (No address supplied)

Permission for the group has been given by the council to hold street collections and information stalls in the Barnsley shopping precinct.

BELFAST ANIMAL RIGHTS c/o BELFAST YOUTH & COMMUNITY, PO Box 148, Belfast BT1 2LZ 0232 244640

Groups in Belfast have united to form an alliance. A hunt sab group operates from the same address but remains a separate group in itself. Write or phone if you would like to get involved!

BROMLEY ANIMAL DEFENCE GROUP 16, Parkside Ave, Bickley, Kent BR1 2EJ 081 464 6035

A march and rally was organised outside the Wellcome Research labs in Kent. Guest speakers were invited and vegan food was available. About 200 people marched through the centre of Bromley to protest at the cruel experiments being carried out at the Wellcome lab.

CAT CONCERN (AND OTHER ANIMALS) PO Box 234, Hounslow, TW3 2QG

A recently formed active rescue and rehoming group. 12 cat foster homes are available, plus foster homes for dogs, rabbits, etc. Ferrals are trapped for neutering and spaying, kittens are always found homes for. Fundraising takes place every week, mainly through car boot sales. Funds are always needed and donations are welcome. Display boards will be advertised in local supermarkets - extensive advertising is about to take place.



COVENTRY ANIMAL ALLIANCE
PO Box 241, Bishop Street, Coventry CV1 1AA

Stalls are set up 2-3 times a week. A Campaign against Warwick and Coventry Universities is to be launched because of their part in vivisection. Local Boots have been picketed and a major campaign against an animal abusing pet shop is underway.

COVENTRY HUNT SABOTEURS
(Address as above)

Sabbing has taken place in the New Forest and Lake District areas. Fundraising is underway in order to purchase a van.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ANIMAL CONCERN
(No address supplied)

During World Week for Laboratory Animals a huge banner was displayed around Cambridge from the back of an open deck bus to highlight the fact that Cambridge University is involved with animal torture. Only after a passenger made a comment to the bus guide, were the group asked to vacate the bus, but by then most of Cambridge had seen the banner.

DUDLEY ANIMAL CONCERN
PO Box 43, Dudley DY3 3DG

Bear baiting in Pakistan was at the forefront of a campaign organised by D.A.C. A petition was circulated nationally requesting that the Pakistani Government enforce a ban on bear baiting - even though bears are allegedly protected in India.

DARTMOOR BADGER PROTECTION LEAGUE

Riverside Cottage, Poundsgate, Devon TQ13 7NV

The group is currently involved in opposing the Ministry of Agriculture's policy of killing badgers to (supposedly)

Design and Original Badger Drawings by David Quinn
Tel: 0606 557052



stamp out the cattle disease bovine tuberculosis. People are urged to write letters of protest to their MP's and watch out for ministry operatives.

DEVON VEGANS
c/o The Old Forge, Throwleigh, Devon EX20 2HS

Literature on the wool and leather trade has been produced. Volunteers are needed to help set up an informal network to promote the issues of cruel wool production.

EAST BERKSHIRE ANIMAL AID
PO Box 1507, Maidenhead, SL6 3YQ

Small but active - they have been given good local media coverage. They secured a circus ban in the Windsor, Maidenhead and Reading areas. A fancy-dress pub crawl was among one of their fundraising activities. More recently the group has taken on the rehoming of stray and unwanted pets.

GOSPORT AND FAREHAM ANIMAL RIGHTS

26 Brune Lane, Rowner, Gosport,
Hants PO13 9RA
Gosport 588516

G&FAR have been actively involving themselves in demos outside the Wickham Research Laboratories and have received good media and radio response. Protests outside the Garetmar Kennels (a puppy supermarket), in Mislingford, near Wickham are held regularly. Webb and Webb, a local chicken slaughter-house had a demo held outside its premises.

GRIMSBY HUNT SABOTEURS
c/o Box 132, Grimsby DN32 4AY

Volunteers are needed to run the local group - this will help to raise much needed funds to keep the sabs out in the field. Write to the PO Box for details.

HULL ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP
PO Box 43, Hull HU1 1AA

Fauna, a 40 page A/R magazine, is produced quarterly. HARG also produce/print their own leaflets. Regular meetings and stalls are held. Rooftop protests have taken place at the local Boots. Public meetings have been well attended where A/R videos are shown.

HOUNSLOW ANIMAL DEFENCE (HAD)
PO Box 234, Hounslow, Middlesex TW3 2QG

Regular stalls and committee meetings are held every month, planning agendas for that month. They are currently collecting used stamps to help rescued horses and donkeys. Fundraising includes car boot sales and collections. Monthly informal meetings take place in pubs to keep people involved in the fight against animal abuse.

circuses and an anti-meat demo was organised which attracted a good turnout. A van has been purchased recently thanks to a very successful street collection.

MID-SUSSEX ANIMAL REFORM GROUP (MSARG)

37, North Court, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 8JS



On Saturday, 23rd October MSARG and Brighton Animal Rights Campaign (BARC) will be holding a national march and rally in Brighton against Shamrock Farm (GB). Speakers so far include Robin Webb and Terry Hill. For further details, phone David Hammond (0273 846941). Assemble at Preston Park at 12 noon. March starts at 2pm. MSARG & BARC are collecting for an Anti-Shamrock fund and donations should be sent to Box 307, Ship Street, Brighton, East Sussex.

MIDLANDS ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (MARC)

*c/o Dudley Animal Concern, PO Box 43,
Dudley DY3 3DG*

MARC now produce their own newsletter every quarter. Various guest speakers have attended their meetings - including a speaker from the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling and Niel Hansen, organiser of the National Anti-Hunt Petition. MARC is also embarking on a new national anti-circus campaign. Demos have taken place outside the local McDonalds, Boots and when the circus came to town! A number of public meetings took place over a span of three months.

OXFORD ANIMAL RIGHTS

Box M, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ

The group have started doing stalls in neighbouring towns where there are no local groups. The ultimate aim is to get groups going in these areas and to build the Animal Rights Coalition. They are particularly interested in hearing from people in the Aylesbury, Newbury, Banbury, Swindon and High Wycombe areas. The group campaigns against Boots by picketing and rooftop demos, and they attended the Boots AGM in London. There is also an ongoing campaign against the University which has involved mass leafleting campaigns, demos at the homes of vivisectionists, and disruption of lectures and seminars. A number of

investigations are being planned regarding local abusers, eg. factory farms, with the intention of building up information on individual farms and to produce local leaflets targeting those farms. The group have also participated in a number of angling sabs and hope to get these going on a regular basis.

NORTHAMPTON ANIMAL CONCERN

Since making a big anti-Boots banner the group has been doing rooftop demos all around the Midlands with the support of the local groups in the towns visited. The Midlands Boots Action Group hopes to do a different store each Saturday. Hunt sabbing with the Thames Valley sabs will continue, but next season more attention will be paid to Cambridge FH since the death of Tom Worby, where Northampton sabs were present. N.A.C. have attended many national demos and hosted the Animal Rights Coalition meetings twice due to their central position (geographically). New campaigns at the moment include stopping a local council destroying a pigeon population, and protesting at all levels about the planning application to build a 1.6 million battery chicken farm in the county. The group is covering a broad spectrum and encourages co-operation amongst different groups and towns. As a group they also attend self-defence classes and hope to spread this further afield in the future.

PAUL CIANI ANIMAL TRUST

*78 Charles Street, Newark, Notts NG24 1RL
0636 640 702*

This is a newly formed group and its aim is to open an animal sanctuary which will care for all types of animals and look after them for the rest of their natural lives. Donations are needed in order to set the sanctuary up and to purchase land.

PORTSMOUTH AREA VEGANS

*174 Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant,
Hants PO9 4DE
0705 454610*

A quarterly newsletter is produced called 'Paving the Way'. Local fairs, fetes and meetings are attended - the sole aim being to promote the issues of veganism.

PORTSMOUTH ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

The group have recently held demos at Portsmouth Ferry Port against the transport of live animals. An anti-Boots day has also been arranged.

STEVENAGE ANIMAL RIGHTS

*Box 6, Lyon House, St. George's Way, Stevenage,
Herts SG1 1XY*

S.A.R. produce a very informative newsletter. They have their own logo on T-shirts and badges which are available through the newsletter. A sponsored cycle ride was

organised along with regular demos held outside the Glaxo lab. Guest speakers included Robin Webb (ALF Press Officer) and Terry Hill, who infiltrated Shamrock Farm, when the group organised the national demo held at Glaxo earlier this year.

SOUTH LONDON ANIMAL AID *PO Box 594, London SW9 8QG*

The Institute of Psychiatry in Camberwell is at the forefront of the groups' campaigns. Primates are systematically subjected to horrifying experiments at the lab. A public meeting will take place on the 18th October at the Crawford Tennents Association Hall, Denmark Road, London SE5. Doors open at 7.00 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Please attend! S.L.A.A. also have a very busy diary of events and amongst other things run the Green Marmoset Catering Company which provides the best vegeburgers in town! An anti-fur sub-group also operates within S.L.A.A. with regular stalls being held to highlight the fur industry.

SURREY ANIMAL RIGHTS *PO Box 787, South Croydon CR2 6TG*

Principally involved in organising demos within the Surrey area. Stalls and leafletting sessions take place regularly and they are currently in the process of compiling their own newsletter and leaflets.

STUDENTS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS *PO Box 217, Guildford, Surrey*

Students attending the University of Surrey are battling with the University authorities to halt the use of animals in research on the premises. The group has been forced to form a group outside of the Student Union for fear of disciplinary action being taken against them. Financial help is needed urgently for their campaign.

TOTNES ANIMAL RIGHTS *PO Box 76, Torquay, Devon*

T.A.R. is combined with a hunt sab group. Campaigns include driving the Dart Vale Fox Hunt Meet from its grounds. The group is implementing ways of abolishing hunting from all council owned land. Any council that does not have a policy against hunting will be approached to try to make them rethink their attitude.

WALSALL ANIMAL RIGHTS (Affiliated to MARC) *c/o Dudley Animal Concern, PO Box 43, Dudley DY3 3DG*

Successful demos have been held outside local McDonalds and Boots. Every circus which dared perform within the Midlands area had a demo held against it. A local

Tesco supermarket received attention when a demo outside highlighted their part in selling Faroese fish - this event received excellent TV coverage.

WITNEY ANIMAL RIGHTS *PO Box 32, Chipping Norton, Oxon OX7 6JE*

Hospitals using animals in the Oxford area are subject to debates and protests. Oxfordshire Health Authority seem deaf when confronted on this issue. A local Bed & Breakfast - Hill Grove Farm owned by a 'Farmer Brown' is still subject to protest visits. Alongside the peace and tranquillity of his countryside retreat, Farmer Brown breeds (in battery like sheds) and sells cats for vivisection. He boasts he can supply up to 1,000 at a time. The demos will continue.


Please let us know what your group has been doing, and, equally importantly, what it is planning to do. Send your reports and details of forthcoming activities/demos or whatever to Arkangel Magazine, BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX. If you have a logo - send us a copy too - it helps brighten up the Local Groups section!

Back Issues of Arkangel Magazine

Issues 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 are still available free of charge - BUT please send 50p in stamps per copy to cover the cost of postage!

Pigeon Recovery

081 644 7349
**8 Vermont Road, Sutton,
Surrey SM1 3EQ**



We care for (and collect in the South London area) any sick, orphaned or injured pigeon. Any donation would be sincerely appreciated.

Sanctuaries

Norfolk Wildlife Sanctuaries
*The Greenhouse, 48 Bethel Street,
Norwich, Norfolk NR2 1NR*

Norfolk Wildlife Sanctuaries are currently raising funds to purchase unwanted land in the county which will be developed as havens for local wildlife and subject to minimal management. The areas of land will be open to the public for walks and picnics, while hunting, shooting and fishing will be banned. All donations go DIRECTLY to land purchase.

Hopefield Animal Sanctuary
*Sawyers Hall Farm, Sawyers Hall Lane,
Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BY*
Tel: 0277 201110 Office: 081 590 6273

The sanctuary provides homes for a wide variety and number of animals. They will be holding an Open Day on Sunday September 26th and a leisurely countryside walk on Sunday October 10th. There is a large quantity of free horse manure available from the sanctuary, but please bring your own bags! The workers would also be most grateful for any DIY help at the sanctuary. If you can help please contact the sanctuary on the above 'phone number. The sanctuary has recently been given the use of a shop by the local council and would welcome bric-a-brac, books, records, furniture and good-as-new clothing to sell. Finally, the sanctuary is setting up a 200 Club which will hold prize draws of £20 for a monthly stake of £1 + 50p p&p. Applications should be sent to:

Miss A Kelsey, Hopefield 200 Club, 188 Wellesly Road, Ilford, IG1 4LL

Redwings Horse Sanctuary
*Hill Top Farm, Hall Lane, Frettenham
Norwich NR12 7LT*
Tel: 0603 737432

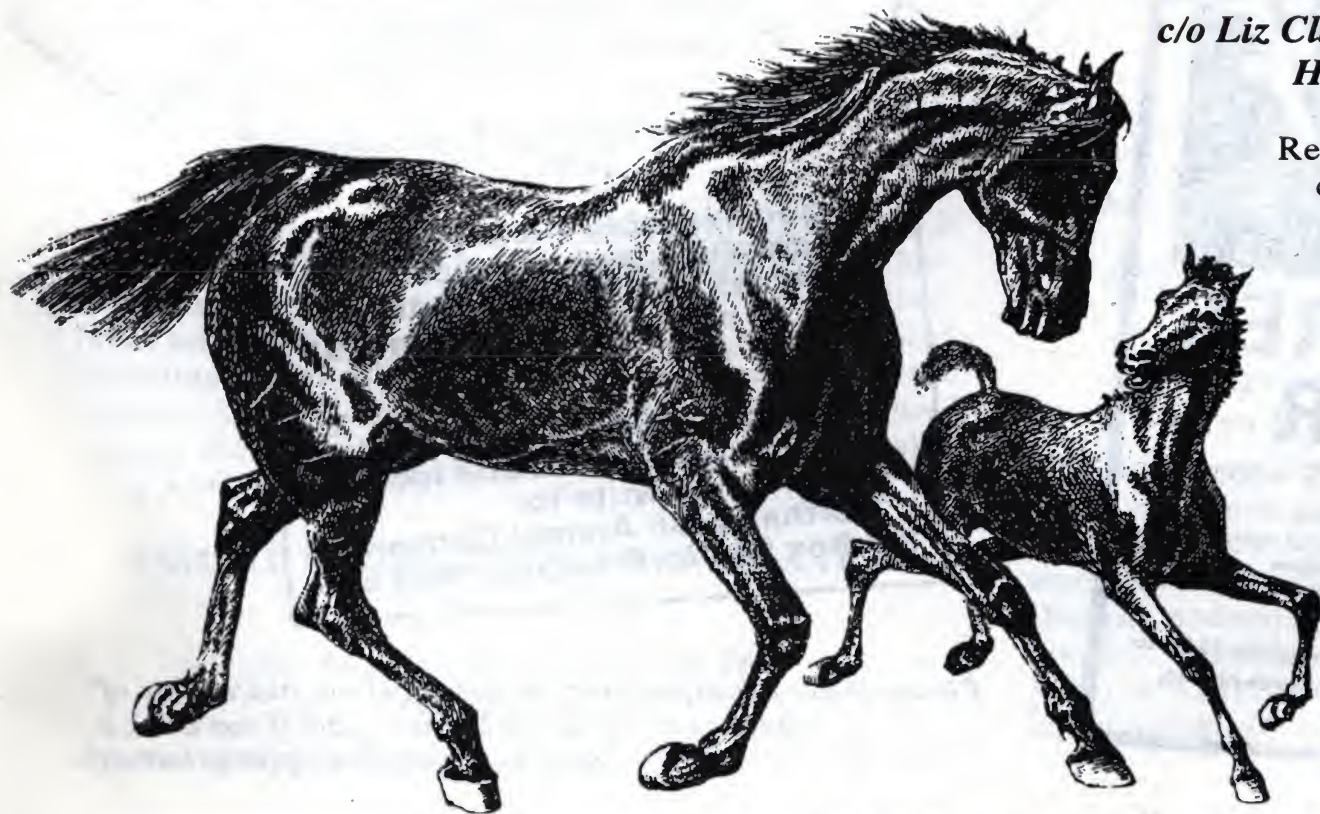
Founded in 1984, the sanctuary exists to rescue horses, ponies and donkeys from neglect and slaughter and provide them with a caring home for the rest of their days. There are now over 1000 animals in their care and consequently they require regular funding from supporters. If you can, please adopt a pony or donkey, make a donation, sell grand draw tickets or purchase their merchandise. The sanctuary is open every Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from 2pm to 5pm from Easter to mid-December.

The Donkey Sanctuary
Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU
Tel: 0395 578222 or 516391

The sanctuary continues its sterling work in providing homes for neglected and abused donkeys. The organisation runs a team of welfare officers in the United Kingdom and Ireland who welcome any calls about a donkey in distress. The officers can be contacted through the sanctuary 'phone numbers. All information received will be treated in the strictest confidence. The sanctuary spends most of the money donated on caring for over 5,600 donkeys, including funding a full-time hospital and nine farms which cover over 1,400 acres. The sanctuary is open to the public and sells a wide selection of merchandise.

Remus Memorial Horse Sanctuary
*c/o Liz Clifford, 165 Squirrels Heath Road,
Harold Wood, Essex RM3 0NS*

Remus memorial Horse sanctuary is currently in a cash crisis. The recession has meant a reduction in donations to all charities and an increase in calls from people who can no longer afford to keep animals at home. The sanctuary also hoped to purchase a field for their own use but the area where the sanctuary is sited has now become building land and the cost of land has risen significantly. The staff have set up a land fund to purchase around 30 acres as a permanent site for the sanctuary. Please try to make a donation to ensure a secure future for the animals.



Horse and Pony Rescue Association

**441, Rednal Road, Kings Norton,
Birmingham B38 8HB**

The association operates a sanctuary at Alvechurch, mostly for horses rescued from the meat trade. The founder is Derek Carroll who is a convicted former ALF activist.

The Brooke Hospital for Animals

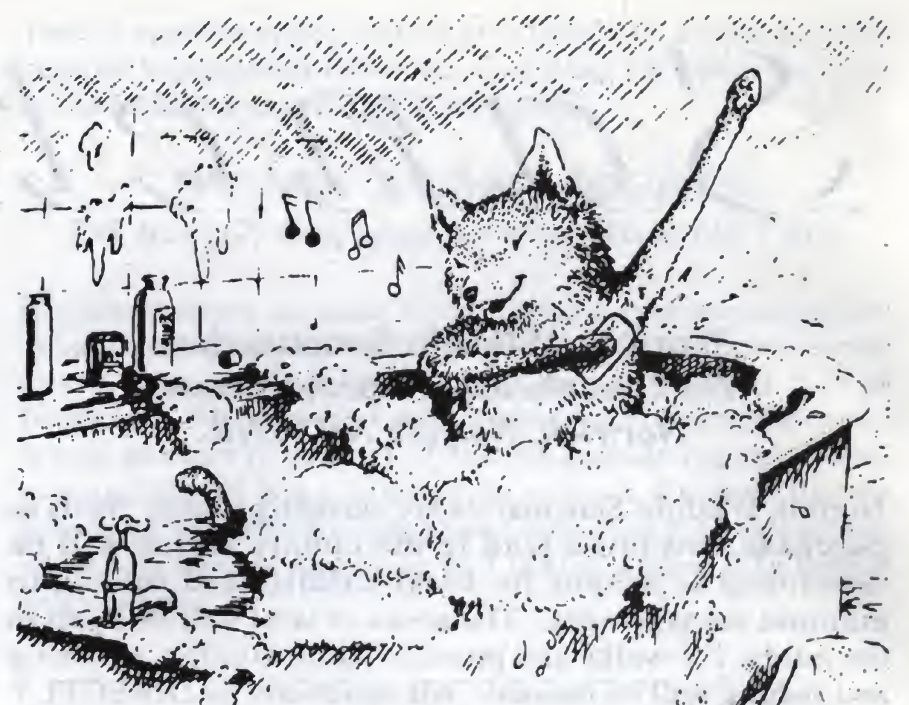
**Broadmead House, 21 Panton Street,
London SW1Y 4DR
Tel: 071 930 0210**

The hospital provides free medical care for thousands of suffering animals in the Middle East and saves many more from years of crippling work. Any donation, however small, will be gratefully received.

Freshfields Animal Rescue Centre

**East Lodge Farm, East Lane, Ince Blundell,
Liverpool L29 3EA
Tel: 051 931 1604**

Freshfields has been similarly hit by the recession over the last year. The sanctuary had its ambulance stolen in September 1992 and it was not recovered. The shelter costs £1,500 a week to run and the staff would welcome any help in fundraising. They would also be extremely grateful for any 'pet supplies', greens for herbivores, tools, overalls, roofing felt, bread for fowl and any saleable goods for their charity shops. They would also be most grateful for offers to home rescued animals but run a strict



Guy Troughton (from "Urban Foxes" by Stephen Harris)

vetting service, so don't be offended if the staff ask numerous questions before considering rehoming an animal with you.

Sussex Horse Rescue Trust

**Heron Farm, Horsebridge Common, Ashurst,
Steyping, Sussex BN4 3AL
Tel: Steyping 812427**

The trust is the only registered equine sanctuary in Sussex and have a policy of never selling the animals in their care. Over the last year the number of horses at the sanctuary has increased and two abandoned horses have been bought from irresponsible owners. The staff would be grateful for a donation of any saleable items for fundraising stalls.

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for those wishing
to buy goods which
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ingredients
and involve no
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monkeys, "Every six seconds",
cow in a burger bun, "Animals
don't use", etc.**

**Please phone 0604 29112 to
discuss your needs and ideas,
or write to:**

**Northampton Animal Concern
PO Box 96, Northampton NN5 5JT**

*Please Note: Advertisements in Arkangel are placed free of
charge and at our discretion! (But if you think a
donation would be appropriate...)*

National Groups

ANIMAL AID & ADVICE

081 889 9714

The main objectives are to encourage responsible pet 'ownership', ensuring that pets are not just bought as throwaway presents and to pass on the message that neutering and spaying is essential to prevent unwanted litters. AAA also rehomes abandoned/unwanted pets and also runs a fostering service.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

(SUPPORTERS GROUP)

BCM 1160, LONDON WC1N 3XX

Subscription to their quarterly newsletter is £24 per year. It provides information about current arrests and imprisonment of alleged animal rights activists. The SG raises funds - chiefly to help pay fines and help towards the travelling expenses of visiting relatives. Funds also go towards paying for books, cruelty-free toiletries, etc. A range of merchandise is available with a discount to any SG member.

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

(PRESS OFFICE)

BM 4400, LONDON WC1N 3XX

The Press Office plays a valuable role in the Animal Rights Movement. It remains paramount as a means of providing TV, radio and newspaper coverage on why ALF actions take place, and always pushes forward the horrors and extent of animal abuse to the misinformed public. Speakers are available for meetings, rallies, forums, etc. - this provides an excellent base to dispel the lies and distortions that have shrouded ALF actions. Merchandise is available. Donations are needed as a matter of priority to cover the costs of running this much needed service.

ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (ARC)

PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT

061 953 4039

ARC encourages the coming-together of all groups. It holds conferences where groups can get together and share news and views. It encourages people to support their local animal rights groups. A newsletter is provided including an animal rights list of events up and down the country. On November 6th, a day of action will be held against the leather and fur trade. Leaflets are available from ARC.

ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION

UNIT (ALIU)

PO Box 38, Manchester M60 1FT

061 953 4039

Animal abuse establishments such as slaughterhouses and

vivisection labs are inspected (legally). Video footage is taken and documents borrowed and photocopied to build up ALIU's information files. (The borrowing of files etc. is legal - as long as they are returned.) For recent inspections refer to the article elsewhere in Arkangel. The ALIU group in the South East now has its own address - SE ALIU, PO Box 71, Hastings, East Sussex.

ACTION AGAINST PUPPY FARMING

PO Box 2, Llandysul, Dyfed, SA44 4EB

Dyfed, in Wales is infamous for its puppy farming. The animals are bred purely for profit and appalling suffering is involved. When their breeding days are over, they are battered to death or drowned. AAPF spreads the message of never buying puppies from a pet shop. Donations are always needed.

ADVOCATES FOR ANIMALS

10, Queensferry Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PG

Campaigns against all forms of animal abuse. They acted as the focal point that drew attention to animals being used at Glasgow University where animals sustained the most appalling head injuries. They continue to campaign to put animal welfare into the forefront of politics, and they finance and take part in special investigations.

ANIMAL RESEARCH KILLS (ARK)

PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF

ARK exists to promote the works of Hans Ruesch, author of 'Slaughter of the Innocent' and 'The Naked Empress', two invaluable books exposing the fraudulence of vivisection.

ACTION TO ABOLISH THE GRAND NATIONAL

PO Box 3152, London E12 5JW

AAGN was formed to let the public know how cruel horse racing is and continues to fight against this cruel 'sport'. Merchandise is available.

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL / ANIMAL ACTION

**2, Festings Buildings, Highland Rd, Southsea,
Hants PO4 9BZ : 0705 736691**

ABC helps with the spaying and neutering of animals, helping elderly people with the costs of keeping their companions and undertaking secret investigations into where and who are abusing animals. Due to an upsurge in cruelty, ABC now works with Animal Action which rescues and rehomes unwanted/abandoned animals.



ANIMAL RIGHTS SHOP

Quiggins Centre, 12-16 School Lane, Liverpool L1 3BT
051 709 0730

Sells a wide range of merchandise including mugs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, books, posters, magazines, badges and cruelty-free cosmetics. The shop is open Mon-Sat, 10am to 5.30pm.

ANGLICAN SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS

**St Augustine's Vicarage, 117 Queen's Gate,
London SW7 5LW**

Objectives of the society are to promote a more compassionate view towards animals in the Anglican Church. A bulletin is produced.

ALLIANCE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS (AFAR)

4-5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2
01 774 059

Campaigns against all forms of animal cruelty, with a recent emphasis on hare coursing.

ANTI-BULLFIGHTING COMMITTEE

PO Box 175, Liverpool L69 8DX

Their aims are to liaise with Spanish animal rights groups, to persuade holiday-makers not to attend bullfights, to campaign against Manchester matador Frank Evens and to try to persuade travel companies to publish a statement in their brochures discouraging people from attending bullfights.

ARKANGEL

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BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX

Arkangel aims to provide information and support for the animal rights movement, to encourage unity, and to provide a forum for the exchange of views and ideas.

BRITISH DIVERS MARINE LIFE RESCUE

12, Mayland Rd, Corby, Northants NN7 2DR
0536 201511 / Fax: 0536 400635

This is an international marine animal rescue, protection and welfare organisation. Its aims are to help marine animals from threats of over-fishing, pollution, etc. They use the media to increase awareness of marine animals in danger and they also initiate investigations. Membership is £15.00 per year, with subsidies for families, OAP's, etc.

BRITISH UNION FOR THE ABOLITION OF VIVISECTION (BUAV)

16a Crane Grove, London N7 8LB
071 700 4888

Their campaign 'Paradise Lost' is proving to be very successful with many airlines abandoning their transport of primates for experimentation.

BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY

57 King Henry's Walk, London N1 4NH

BWC has recently filmed evidence that Namibia is still clubbing seals to death, although the Government said that clubbing had ceased. It confronts animal testing companies with their criteria on animal testing to see if their products are 100% non-animal tested (as 60% of the ingredients that make up a product are usually tested). A bulletin is produced.

BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

**Knowbury House, Knowbury, Ludlow,
Shropshire SY8 3LQ**

Aims to encourage an awareness of how many hedgehogs are killed by careless fast drivers; that hedgehogs are burnt to death when nesting in unlit bonfires, etc. The society is involved with the rehabilitation of injured and orphaned hedgehogs, returning them to the wild when good and ready. A free leaflet on hedgehog care is available from the above address - please send an SAE.

CETACEA DEFENCE

PO Box 11, SEDO Office, Manchester M18 8GU

Principally involved in protecting the world's whales and dolphins. When the International Whaling Commission gathered earlier this year, CD held demos at the Norwegian Embassy in London. CD are currently appealing for anyone visiting the Greek Islands to contact them. People are needed to act as 'on the spot' investigators as it is known that Greek fishermen are shooting dolphins - as much evidence as possible is needed against them.

CARE FOR THE WILD

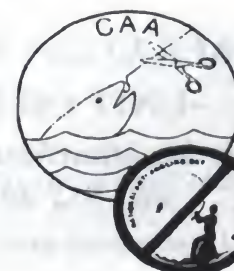
**1 Ashfolds, Horsham Rd, Rusper,
West Sussex RH12 4QX**

A sanctuary in Britain is fully functional thanks to generous donations. Llamas which were abandoned in Antigua are still being cared for, with food and medical supplies being shipped over. Hippos in Zimbabwe suffering from the effects of drought, then heavy rainfalls, are being monitored. Care for the Wild helped with the Shetland disaster, helping with the rescuing of oil-coated animals. It encourages people to foster animals around the world. For more details, contact the above address.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE ABOLITION OF ANGLING

PO Box 130, Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 5NR

CAA pushes forward the message that just because fish don't scream, it doesn't mean they don't feel pain. They encourage people to take part in fish sabs of local angling matches, organise protests outside tackle shops, etc. They organise a national anti-angling week urging local groups to take part in demos, etc.



CAMPAIGN TO END FRAUDULENT MEDICAL RESEARCH (CEFMR)

PO Box 302, London N8 9HD

CEFMR highlights the fact that so many drugs passed as 'safe' which have been tested on animals, have in fact the opposite effect on human beings. They back this up with excellent examples in their leaflet. A book entitled 'Vivisection or Science?' is available, please contact the above address.

CRUELTY-FREE COMPANIONS

*c/o Tony Martin, 26, Hermitage Ave, Borrowash,
Derby DE72 3JL*

Would like to link people from all over the country who believe in a cruelty free lifestyle. For more details please contact the above address.

CO-ORDINATING ANIMAL WELFARE

PO Box 589, Bristol BS99 1RW

CAW has turned its attention to the fate of horses used for racing. A leaflet is available detailing what action should be taken by anyone concerned.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEATHER & FUR (CALF)

BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX



Many people who do not realise that the wool, leather, fur, and silk-making industries are cruel, profit-motivated businesses will be enlightened when they read the informative leaflets which are available. 10 different stickers are also available at 50p per 100. Donations are very welcome!

CAMPAIGN TO END BLINDING EXPERIMENTS AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Box M, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ

Colin Blakemore, a professor at Oxford University, has surgically blinded cats, hamsters and monkeys by stitching up their eyes since the 1960's. An excellent leaflet is available which details Blakemore's work.

DARTMOOR BADGERS PROTECTION LEAGUE

6 Elm Grove, Teignmouth, Devon

In the West Country, the badger population has declined dramatically. The group would like people to write to their MP's to ensure they sign Early Day Motion number 380 in favour of badger protection.

DOCTORS IN BRITAIN AGAINST ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS (DBAE)

104b Weston Park, London N8 9PP

Founded in March 1990, professionals such as doctors, pharmacists and scientists got together and decided to voice their opinions and oppose animal experiments on scientific and medical grounds. Their aims are to have a

total, immediate abolition of all animal experiments. For more information please contact the above address.

DISABLED AGAINST ANIMAL RESEARCH AND EXPLOITATION (DAARE)

PO Box 8, Daventry, N'Hants NN11 4RQ

DAARE exists as a national organisation of people who are disabled or have a chronic disease. They believe animal experiments should be abolished since animals react differently to drugs compared to human beings, and through animal tested research, dangerous drugs have been available. DAARE supports research such as human cell, tissue and organ cultures, computer simulations and clinical studies. People who are not disabled are also welcome to join.

DR HADWEN TRUST FOR HUMANE RESEARCH

*6c Brand St, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1HX
0462 436 819*

This trust dedicates itself to finding alternative methods of testing which includes non-animal research in rheumatism, eye irritancy and diabetes. They are currently expanding into other projects such as research into breast cancer, AIDS and neurological damage.

ENDANGERED DOGS ASSOCIATION

*PO Box 1544, London W7 2ZB
081 843 9751 (Helpline)*

This group was formed by people concerned when the Dangerous Dogs Act came into force. They help people who need advice or are facing prosecution under the Act. Their aims are to secure humane amendments to the Act instead of the needless destruction of 'offending' dogs.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY (EIA)

2, Pear Tree Court, London EC1R 0DS

EIA works as an undercover/investigation agency. They held a sponsored walk this year to raise money for dolphins and whales. They are opposed to the wild-caught bird trade and are still researching undercover operations against the ivory trade. Donations are needed to ensure that their excellent undercover investigations continue.

EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR DOLPHINS (END)

PO Box 11, SEDO, Manchester M18 8GU

END concentrates on the issues which surround dolphins in captivity, and works with several other organisations to form a unified network. They oppose the dolphinarium industry in Europe and work towards the demise in Europe of dolphin shows. For more information on activities please contact the above address.

FOX CUBS

PO Box 370A, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 4YN

This group is especially aimed to inform young people about the horrors of bloodsports. They also deal with the

cruelties involved in zoos, circuses, the fur trade and factory farming. There is a good range of merchandise available. For £4 you receive a membership pack, badge and magazine 3 times a year.

FREEDOM ANIMAL SANCTUARY TRUST

12b Dudley Rd, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1LF

The Freedom Animal Sanctuary needs money to re-home animals and realise their long term aim of creating a sanctuary. A range of T-shirts is available to help raise funds. Any donations are welcome.



FOX PROJECT

PO Box 56, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1XY

They fight the myth that the fox is a destructive animal. Fox Project use a non-toxic, harmless deterrent when they are called to remove foxes, and continue the fight to stop local authorities aimlessly killing them. They also rescue abandoned/orphaned cubs and will return them to the wild when they are fit and ready. A speaker is available for talks, and there is a whole range of merchandise.

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS UNDER ABUSE (FAUNA)

*PO Box 156, Cardiff CF5 5YD
0222 569914*

FAUNA promotes the message that animals should not be bought from pet shops/markets, but should be obtained from animal shelters and sanctuaries. They strongly advise that animals should be spayed/neutered.

GREEN ANARCHIST MAGAZINE

Box M, 111 Magdalen Rd, Oxford OX4 1RQ

Covers a wide range of issues including Animal Liberation and ALF action reports.

GREEK ANIMAL WELFARE FUND

*1-2 Castle Lane, London SW1E 6DM
071 828 9736*

GAWF concentrates on the huge population of abandoned/unwanted and stray animals. A new shelter has been built which also acts as a rescue centre to accommodate dogs, cats, horses and donkeys. They have helped with the Greek Dancing Bears rescue and help feral cats by neutering and vaccination. They have also helped many an unwanted donkey which has been abandoned by a brutal farmer, tied to a tree and left to die of starvation.

HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION (HSA)

*PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY
0602 590357*

Contact the HSA for information and advice on how to form a fully operational hunt-sab group. The HSA provides speakers for talks and gives legal advice. Merchandise is available.

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (IFAW)

Section 43, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2QH

IFAW launched a successful national media campaign against China's bear farming. Bears are kept in cages no bigger than their own bodies and are painfully tapped for their bile because the Chinese believe bile can cure ailments. Also, the bears' paws are amputated while they are held captive, to make expensive soups for tourists and bear paw wine. Please contact them if you would like a petition or further information.

INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL RESCUE

Ash Mill, South Moulton, Devon EX36 4QW

They have rescued donkeys and ponies from the meat industry, also pigs, goats and deer. They highlight the forgotten fact that many British birds are slaughtered in Malta when they migrate. Barns have been converted to house animals. Funds are always needed.

I.O.W. ANIMAL PRESERVATION AND ACTION GROUP

Little Spinney, Solent Rd, Cranmore, I.O.W. PO41 0XY
'Preserve', an informative bulletin, is produced which deals with all animal abuse related issues, and includes a letters page and poetry corner.

JEWISH VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

855 Finchley Rd, London NW11 8LX

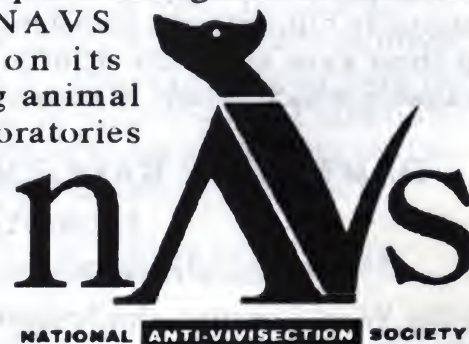
Educates the Jewish population and community about the benefits of living with a vegetarian diet. They produce an informative magazine. The Young Jewish Vegetarian Society can also be contacted at the above address.

NATIONAL ANTI-VIVISECTION SOCIETY (NAVS)

(Also youth group Animal Defenders)

Ravenside, 261 Goldhawk Rd, London W12 9PE

Unfortunately, the AD shop in Birmingham closed due to the recession, but NAVS continues to carry on its campaigns in exposing animal abuse in vivisection laboratories nationwide. Their World Day march was a success in April with over 20,000 people in attendance. They have a bus which tours the country highlighting animal abuse and acting as an educational stand.



NATIONAL PETWATCH

PO Box 16, Brighouse, West Yorkshire HD6 1DS

Many people take it for granted that their pets will never be stolen. The sad truth is that often they are, and that they could end up being used in experimentation, the fur trade or dog fighting. National Petwatch urges people not to leave dogs at risk - never leave them unattended.

NATIONAL NEUTERING AND SPAYING SCHEME

PO Box 170, Northampton NN2 8AB

The NNSS rehome, neuter and spay cats and dogs. They educate people about the plight of unwanted animals and why neutering and spaying is paramount in order to stop animals having unwanted litters. Leaflets are available.

PLAN 2000 (DR. VERNON'S)

Lynmouth, DEVON EX35 6EE

Plan 2000 aims to see all animal experiments banned by the end of the century. The European Medical Journal is available through the same address. It covers the facts about why animal-tested medical research is a nonsense.

PEOPLE AGAINST CHIMPANZEE EXPERIMENTS (PACE)

59a Tisbury Rd, Hove, East Sussex BN3 3BL

PACE is dedicated to saving chimps from research laboratories. These animals are grossly abused because of their supposed similarity to humans beings. PACE keeps track with what is happening internationally and supports conservation work.

PUPPYWATCH

PO Box 23, Neath, West Glamorgan SA11 1QP

Puppywatch objects to the sale of puppies and other animals through dealers, agents and third parties such as pet shops and other retail outlets. Puppywatch, founded in 1989, monitors and exposes puppy farms and dog breeders. They aim to educate the public about the pitfalls of buying puppies from unsuitable sources.

PET STEALING ALERT

PO Box 94, Cheltenham, Glos.

Cats and dogs are going missing nationwide. Plausible and believable promises are made through adverts that animals will be found good homes, however the reality is that many will face a cruel destination. Please contact the above address if you are suspicious of an advert or if an animal has disappeared in unusual circumstances.

QUEST CANCER TEST

***Woodbury, Hadlow Rd, Roydon, Harlow,
Essex CM19 5HF : 027979 2233***

This is the only cancer charity that concentrates all its resources to develop routine tests so that the first signs of cancer can be detected - without the use of animals. Donations are needed for this important work.



RESPECT FOR ANIMALS

PO Box 500, Nottingham NG1 3AS

RESPECT was set up when LYNX went bankrupt. They will continue the fight against the fur trade. Leaflets are available.

STUDENT CAMPAIGN FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT

061 953 4039

The group is concerned with every aspect of abuse and exploitation of animals. SCAR encourages local action and is attempting to force the debate in our educational establishments.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS ABROAD (SPANA)

15 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB

SPANA highlights the abuse of animals in third world countries, where, in particular, the donkey is abused in extremely hot climates by having to carry heavy loads and being given little or no rest or water during its working day. SPANA also concentrates on the welfare of cattle, cats and other animals abroad.

SEA SHEPHERD

PO Box 5, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2PY

An invaluable organisation which campaigns against the abuse of marine life. They recently sunk a whaling ship. The group is involved in a wide range of campaigns including saving dolphins from tuna nets and filming the evidence, ramming a Japanese trawler and disabling its fishing gear, and saving seals. Donations are greatly appreciated!

SOCIETY FOR NEUTERING ISLINGTON'S PUSSIES (SNIP)

125 Bouverie Rd, London N16 0AA

Adult cats are neutered and spayed to protect and assist the stray/feral cat population of Islington. SNIP has the full support of Islington Council and has been featured on Radio stations such as Capital Radio and has received newspaper coverage. It also runs a rehoming scheme.

SOUTH EAST ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (SEARC)

19a, Amherst Rd, Bexhill, East Sussex TN40 1QH

SEARC is an affiliation of 38 independent groups/contacts. It implements a system which acts as a general information and organising system for groups/individuals. See the article concerning live exports and the campaign against Sealink.

TEACHERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

c/o 29, Lynwood Rd, London SW17 6HP

Please write for an information pack - but a donation to cover costs for postage and literature is essential.

TAIL ENDS

PO Box 1550, London SW4 6HP

This is a small vegan animal rescue network which needs homes for abused and abandoned animals - mainly cats and dogs. All of the money, which is desperately needed, goes towards food, vet's bills and neutering and spaying.

A selection of black & white postcards depicting animals are available at 30p each.

VEGETARIAN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN

Greenyard, 27a Love Lane, Denbigh, Clwyd LL16 3LV
Sells a wide range of books by mail order including vegetarian/vegan recipe books. A full colour leaflet is available to assist in your choice.

VEGETARIANS AND VEGANS (MATCHMAKERS)

Century House, Nelson Rd, London N8 9RT

Make new friends with like-minded people or extend your social life! This group aims to bring vegetarians and vegans together. A varied programme of events takes place - weekends away, etc. For further details call 081 384 5229 or 061 973 7500.

VEGGIES

180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HU

An animal rights calender is produced on a regular basis - the most up-to-date one around. Their catering facilities travel up and down the country providing vegan food. (See A/R Contact List under 'Recommended Magazines')

VEGAN SOCIETY

7 Battle Rd, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7AA
0424 427393

This is the main UK organisation promoting veganism and is always seeking new members. The bulk of its funding is through membership, subscriptions to the magazine 'The Vegan', sales of various books including 'The Animal-Free Shopper' and donations. Both full members (who must be practising dietary vegans) and associate members (non-vegans who also support the society's objectives) are welcome. For an information pack and/or membership form, send two first class stamps to Dept A at the address shown. Help the society grow so that it can be at the forefront of the movement, to show that veganism is the way forward for animals, people and the environment!

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

*Parkdale, Dunham Rd, Altrincham,
Cheshire WA14 4QG*

Important organisation for those taking the first step towards veganism! It publishes an informative magazine and a magazine for younger readers called 'Greenscene'. The Vegetarian Society organise the annual demonstration outside the Royal Smithfield Show in London.

WORLD SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (WSPA)

2 Langley Lane, London SW8 1TJ
071 793 0540

Its current campaigns include highlighting the cruelties of bear baiting in Pakistan, bile-tapping of bears in China and the dancing bears in Greece. They are also drawing attention to the animals which suffer in war-torn countries such as Bosnia and Lithuania. WSPA provide food, shelter and treatment. On the August Bank Holiday they held a

fundraising event - the BIG BEAR PICNIC, which raised money for the world's bears.

WHALE AND DOLPHIN CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Freepost (SN863), Bath, Avon BA1 2XF

WDCS invites people to adopt a dolphin. You will receive a dolphin pack, a certificate, photo of your adopted dolphin plus other information. Please write and adopt one of the most gentle creatures of the sea.

WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE (WWF)

Panda House, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1BR

WWF are continuing to fight animal abuse all over the world and have been active in the fight against the ivory trade. They are also trying to stop wild-caught birds being transported for foreign markets. WWF is the largest private international nature conservation organisation in the world.

WATCHDOG (RSPCA MEMBERS)

44 Kingsley Rd, Horley, Surrey RH6 8HR
0293 786166

The group monitors the RSPCA, publicise the hypocrisy and contradictions of the organisation, and attempts to keep them on their correct path. A difficult task!

... and finally, a Special Mention!

GREENACRES ANIMAL RESCUE

PO Box 650, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 2DZ
076 686 392

The group has set up an appeal in response to the lack of facilities for ill-treated animals in North Wales. The object of the appeal is to raise sufficient funds to establish and maintain an Animal Rescue Centre to serve Gwynedd, Clwyd and Anglesey. Once established, the centre will give priority to strays, ill-treated animals and those whose owners have died. No healthy animal will be destroyed, and each animal shall be given any veterinary treatment it needs for the rest of its life or until a suitable adoptive home is found.

URGENT APPEAL!

We know that the pages of this magazine are filled with appeals for funds for groups, sanctuaries and campaigns, but we do ask you to consider making a donation (however small) to Pigeon Recovery. The two people who run it work tirelessly to collect injured pigeons from all around the London area, and they have just been told that their car will not get through the M.O.T. (the last thing they needed). If anyone out there has a car they don't want..... contact PIGEON RECOVERY (081 644 7349) See ad at end of local group section.

International News

AUSTRIA

In the Austrian High Court, several battery hen farms have lost a libel case against animal rights groups who published adverts and distributed leaflets to educate the public about the cruelty of battery egg production. (Transparent, Spring 93).

CANADA

In the winter of 1987-88, 3.2 million animals were trapped for the fur trade. In the winter of 1992-93 the figure was 720,000. In the years 1989-90 animals in fur farms numbered 1.6 million. In 1991 it was less than 1 million. (Animaux Magazine, April 1991).

Following a campaign by Zoocheck Canada, the Solicitor General of Ontario recommended an Animal Welfare Act to set standards for the care and keeping of animals in zoos, aquaria, pet stores, breeding centres etc. (Animals' Agenda, May-June 1993)

CORSICA / SARDINIA

The passage (5,000 per day) of oil tankers and other ships through the straits of Bonifacio between the two islands has been forbidden in order to protect the seals, whales and dolphins which live in the area. (Animaux Magazine, April 1991)

FRANCE

According to surveys, only 2% of the population of France support the bullfight whereas 85% are against. (ADDA Defends the Animals, Spring 1993)

In order to protect wildlife in the Contentin area, a scheme has been set up whereby farmers do not plough or fertilize the land, and delay harvesting so birds can nest in peace. A famous fun-fair at Chalon-Sur-Saone, where tens of thousands of animal skins were sold, has come to an end because of a lack of buyers. (Animaux Magazine, April 1993)

GERMANY

More than two-thirds of the population of Western Germany are opposed to the killing of animals for the purpose of education. (Recht Fur Tiere, March 1993)

HAWAII

After being bombarded with complaints, the Nature Conservancy has announced a moratorium on its ruthless snaring and slaughter of wild boars, goats and deer on the island of Molokai and has pledged to examine other methods of protecting the island flora. (PETA News, Summer 1993)

HOLLAND

McDonalds have begun selling vegeburgers at 84 Dutch outlets (Vegetarian Voice, Spring 1993)

Following a campaign by A/R activists, the local authority in the district of Wethouders has forbidden the construction of a laboratory animal breeding centre in Limburgse Brunssum for the American lab animal suppliers Harlan Sprague Dawley Inc. (Proefkonijn, June 1993)

ISRAEL

The Students Union at the University of Tel Aviv has approved a motion (the first of its kind in Israel) offering legal support to students who object in animal experiments and asking for non-animal alternatives to be used instead. (Impronte, April 1993)

A law which allowed labs to get animals from city pounds has been repealed. (Israeli Anti-vivisection Society, August 1993)

ITALY

The Abruzzo region has approved a law to make the shooting of previously captured pigeons illegal, in advance of a national law which will abolish such pigeon shoots throughout the whole of Italy in 1994.

Following protests by the LAV (Anti-Vivisection League) and members of the Italian senate, 30 piglets have been saved from experiments at a hospital in Turin and a rabbit from dissection at an agrarian institute in Rome.

In the first case of its kind in Europe, six vivisectors at the Institute of Physiology in Palermo have been fined by a magistrate for ill-treatment of animals.



A fur farm at Bolsena where foxes were kept in appalling conditions has closed down because of 'administrative irregularities' following an occupation there by A/R campaigners.

Alpitour, the largest tour operator in Italy has agreed to no longer promote bullfighting and its latest brochure contains an article by the LAV asking tourists not to attend the bullfight. (Impronte, Feb 1993)

A former privilege of hunters, to have their dogs and birds travel free of charge on Italian public transport has been withdrawn.

Following a campaign by animal protectionists, a number of brown bears are to be transferred from a zoo in Trento to a wildlife park at Spormaggiore where they will join other bears living in natural conditions.

About 50 local and regional authorities have banned the use of animals in the circus and other public spectacles.

In 1992, the manufacture of furs in Italy fell by 3.6% and in December 1992 the sale of furs was down 30%. (Impronte, April 1993)

SPAIN

Economic difficulties have caused the Barcelona bullring to reduce the number of bullfights held there and it is now putting on music concerts instead.

According to an opinion poll taken by a TV company, 60% of Catalonians are opposed to the wearing of fur.

The bullring at Alicante suffered disastrous economic losses in 1992 meaning that the number of bullfights there this year has been reduced and the bullring may even have to close if those in charge of it cannot pay the rent to the local authority. (Circular Antitaurina, Feb 1993)

According to a September 1992 Gallup poll, 68% of Spaniards are not the least bit interested in bullfighting, a 16% increase from a similar poll carried out in 1987, and 87.4% expressed opposition to cruel fiestas. (ADDA Defends the Animals, Spring 1993)

Only two bullrings in Spain (in Madrid and Seville) are actually making a profit. (Boletin Antitaurino, Spring 1993)

T.V. programmes featuring bullfighting are amongst the least popular with Spanish viewers and the number of such programmes has been reduced this year.

In the past two years the annual turnover of the Spanish fur trade has gone down by £250 million. (Liberacion Animal, March 1993)

The yearly 'tradition' of beating and stoning a donkey to death in the village of Villannueva has come to an end following a campaign by animal protectionists from several European countries. (Animaux Magazine, April 1993)

SWITZERLAND

At least one third of the members of the Swiss parliament are in favour of the total abolition of vivisection. (Liberacion Animal, March 1993)

USA

Following a storm of protest from environmental and A/R groups, the state government of Alaska has dropped a plan to shoot at least 300 wolves as a way of increasing caribou and moose herds to create a tourist spectacular.

The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed that it will, by September 1996, list some 400 species of animals and plants as endangered and will speed up final consideration of a future 900 species. The decision follows a lawsuit by animal protection and wildlife campaigners. (Animals Agenda, Jan/Feb 1993)

Burger King officials have estimated that 90% of its spicy beanburger customers were non-vegetarian and shortly after it was introduced, the beanburger was outselling the company's other burgers. (Vegetarian Voice, Feb 1993)

In February, General Motors issued a sworn statement saying it had stopped using animals in trauma tests more than a year ago and had no plans to resume such testing. (Detroit News 19.2.93)

California has brought in a law to regulate the importation and confinement of wild animals, which includes an amendment stating that the results of animal experiments are not admissible in product liability actions involving motor vehicles, so that car companies cannot rely on animal tests to argue that their cars are safe.

Voters have overwhelmingly backed a proposal to eliminate the hunting of black bears in Colorado during the Spring and to prohibit the use of bait and hounds for bear-hunting in the state.

In Connecticut a new law has established a programme for low cost spay/neutering of cats and dogs adopted from animal shelters. (Humane News, March/April 1993)

President Clinton's science advisor, John Gibbons, is a firm believer in animal rights, refuses to eat veal and believes some researchers have needlessly abused lab animals. (Washington Post, 9.3.1993)

A plan for 40 soldiers to kill, cook and eat 5 rabbits and 12 chickens as part of a survival skills training exercise was called off following protests by People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals. (Salt Lake Tribune, 19.3.1993)

Many US stores have closed their fur boutiques and fur shops in the USA and are continuing to go bankrupt in considerable numbers.

Chanel has signed a statement guaranteeing a permanent commitment to a non-animal testing policy and the company's senior vice-president of research & development has stated that Chanel is "dedicated to a complete ban on all animal testing". (PETA News, Spring 1993)

Nearly 1000 events in all 50 states and several Canadian provinces marked the 9th annual observance of the pro-vegetarian Great American Meatout. From humble beginnings in 1985, Meatout has grown into the nation's largest and most colourful grass-roots public interest campaign. (Farm Animal Reform Movement Report, Spring 1993)

Jindo Furs, which opened 40 shops in the US 2 years ago, has now had to close them all. (Animaux Magazine, April 1993)

On February 25th, a judge of the Federal District Court declared that the Government's rules on the treatment of laboratory dogs and primates were too lenient and the

standards of care for these animals must be improved. (The AV Magazine, May 1993)

Tens of thousands of rabbits will be saved from extreme pain each year because the U.S. Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) has now said that animals are not necessary to test corrosives and will use a non-animal chemical process instead. This marks the first time any US government agency has formally approved an alternative to animal testing and follows the delivery of petitions to the D.O.T. by animal protection campaigners.

A campaign by PETA has persuaded officials in Huntsville, Alabama to cancel plans to kill up to 8 million birds that roost there at night. PETA also succeeded in getting a proposed pigeon-poisoning in Lexington, Kentucky cancelled and the voices of A/R activists and threats of legal action caused officials in Kearney, Nebraska to ban crow-shooting inside the city limits. (PETA News, Summer 1993)

Animal Rights Mobilisation in Denver, Colorado have persuaded proposed aquatic park 'Ocean Journey' not to have dolphins. (The AV Magazine, July 1993)

The US Government has moved towards a ban on Norwegian imports because of Norway's defiance of non-whaling rules. (Teletext, 7.8.93).



Animal Liberation - The Sequel

by Anon.

Hello all.

I have decided to put pen to paper to tell you about "ALF - THE SEQUEL TO THE MOVIE". Admittedly the quality is poor, only limited funds and resources were available. The sequel was constructed to show people that things are still happening in the 90's and the majority of the footage has never been shown before. So before you criticise, watch and listen. Most of the animals you see were saved from death row - a reason to rejoice - not to slag off! Positive criticism is no problem, we all learn from our

mistakes - well some of us do! So sit in silence and watch the film.

Any money made is going straight into direct action (that doesn't necessarily mean illegal actions). You're paying for what you see, so don't moan and ask for your money back. Some of us will never criticise people who are getting off their backsides to fight for animal liberation. Whatever you do, all is so important. Thanks to the people who said, "Yes, shame about the quality, but the footage, etc. was brilliant." The original movie was perfect. The sequel was not a follow-up to it. We're not in the game of professional movie-making. We're just people who have tried to do something positive and to let the scum know we are a force to be reckoned with. We have now been offered an editing suite to remake and hopefully add to the sequel. I'm sure that once it's done there will always be those who will still complain. Anyway, let's get our act together and make movies - a sequel to the sequel perhaps - and keep the animal abusers on the run.

By the time you read this, you will be probably be aware that ASDA (Associated Diaries) has closed its meat products group with the loss of 1,300 jobs. The reason given for the closure was said to be "lack of demand for meat products." The news was widely reported on BBC Radio and television today (23.4.1993).

It has also been reported on the BBC that there have been 26 cases of Cryptosporidiosis infection in children visiting farms (to see lambs) with their school in Newbury.

Sabbing News

HUNTS CALL IN "THE PROFESSIONALS"

Hunt saboteurs are unlikely to forget the 1992/3 foxhunting season. The season began with the use of new tactics by the grouse moors in employing a country-based security firm, Estate Management Services, (or EMS) to violently eject saboteurs from private land. This ploy led to a pugnacious statement from Nick Herbert of the BFSS: "from now on we are going to start hunting the saboteurs" ...and such proved to be the case, with seven or eight foxhunts contacting two security firms for assistance in preventing the sabotage of their 'sport'. The two firms, EMS, also known as Olympic International and Countrywatch initially used their own personnel to eject saboteurs from private land. While falling far short of legal competence, theoretically they were accountable for their actions and subject to internal company discipline (indeed when three of Countrywatch's staff were found by police to have armed themselves with staves and baseball bats at a meet the company boss, David Dunne, said that he had dismissed the offenders). Some sabs will, however, be able to provide evidence of violence perpetrated by these so called professionals on themselves.

WHY USE PROFESSIONALS WHEN AMATEURS WILL DO?

However, with rising costs and continued sabotage, the hunts then struck upon the good idea of turning their more violent and well built 'boys' into home grown stewards. In January Robin Smith-Ryland, master of the Warwickshire hunt made extravagant claims in his local paper that saboteurs were beaten and passed on the following advice to fellow bloodsports enthusiasts, "Masters who consider they need help should find half a dozen fit and sensible men and invite Countrywatch to spend a day teaching them procedures for containing those who are out to disrupt hunting". The effect of one day's training on neanderthals with old scores to settle should have been foreseen as a recipe for disaster by police responsible for keeping the peace at hunts but they seemed only too pleased to pass the buck and the expense of policing hunts by giving the perpetrators of the majority of the violence this false veneer of respectability. Indeed, in the case of the Essex Farmers hunt the local police themselves provided the hunt heavies with a weekend of 'training'



which enabled them to act as hunt stewards with police blessing! However, once the hunting began in earnest and the saboteurs began to challenge their dubious authority, these thugs reverted to type (out of the view of police) and took part in vicious beatings of saboteurs. The hospitalization of a young saboteur by EMS trained thugs at a meet of the Essex Farmers caused the mass sab of the hunt later that month and the splitting open of a sab's head on the day caused the alleged riot later. A similar attack on a female saboteur at the Garth hunt by a psychotic bouncer from Reading earlier in the season resulted in a regional hit on the hunt and similar scenes of disorder. For the rest of the season hunt sabs were beaten up, run over, illegally detained by hired security, prevented from using public rights of way, and arrested by police officers who used "agent provocateur" tactics to ensure that saboteurs faced serious charges of violent disorder.

HUNT HEAVIES OUT OF CONTROL

One of the worst episodes of hunt heavies out of control took place at the final meet of the Hursley and Hambledon hunt at Clarendon Park in Wiltshire when the local sabs' van was cut off from their sab vehicles in a set piece ambush. Hunt heavies (some called in for the day from the New Forest) hurled fence posts through the van windows and this attack was followed up by other thugs who forced their way into the vehicle, pulled the dazed occupants out and beat them up. Six saboteurs required hospital treatment. Even the local police were shocked at the level of the violence displayed by the hunt supporters and the

landowner of Clarendon Park, Andrew Christie-Miller is considering whether the hunt should have access to his land next season. This shameful catalogue culminated in the shocking death of a young man on the 3rd April 1993 while out on his first hunt sab.

THE DEATH OF TOM WORBY

Some forty saboteurs from Cambridgeshire, Northants, Bedfordshire and Thames Valley turned up to sab the last meet of the Cambridgeshire hunt. The hunt was soon located and the hounds were called out of a covert. The hunt responded by refusing to move until the saboteurs left. After about an hour the hunt appeared to be making their way back towards the meet and the hounds were boxed up in a lane leading to the main road. Sabs walked up towards the main road only to be 'nudged' from behind by the hound vehicle, a 7.5 tonne truck driven by the local huntsman, Tony Ball. The sabs then heard the hound van's engine being revved up and then saw it being driven directly at them, picking up speed as they scrambled up the high banks on either side of the lane to get out of the way. Tom Worby tried to jump out of the way of the lorry but his clothing caught on the wing mirror and dragged him along for a short distance until he was able to jump up onto the running board. He then banged on the window of the lorry and frantically shouted at the driver to stop. Tom was clearly in pain and the other sabs shouted at the driver to stop and for Tom to jump clear when he lost his grip on the lorry, bounced off the bank at the side of the lane and rolled under the lorry. His head was directly in the path of the lorry's rear wheels which dealt him a severe injury which caused almost instantaneous death. Tony Ball did not stop but sped off.

Some of the sabs attempted to resuscitate Tom while others ran over to three hunters to ask them to get medical help. These callous specimens gave no assistance to the sabs, preferring to amble slowly away from the scene of the tragedy. Other sabs reached the main road and managed to flag down a passing police car. The officer was told what had happened and he duly summoned an ambulance. A number of hunt supporters were standing at the main road and on hearing what had happened subjected the saboteurs to laughter, jeering and taunts as they were clearly delighted that "one of the enemy" had been killed.

Unfortunately the press coverage of Tom Worby's death was a complete sham, with many of the national rags swallowing the BFSS's callous campaign of misinformation. Tom was portrayed as a 'problem child in Council care' and 'involved in drug misuse', while the saboteurs were portrayed as 'neo-nazis cynically recruiting children in schools'. These farcical allegations are patently untrue and it's so predictable that the journalists didn't bother to check their information. If they had, these ridiculous comments could have been shown up for what they were - BFSS propaganda.

MEMORIAL RALLY IN CAMBRIDGE

The following week around 500 saboteurs turned up to a memorial rally in Cambridge. A supporter of the Fitzwilliam Hunt hurled abuse at those present,

presumably to cause a scene, but was ignored by the crowd. Another unwelcome visitor, David Dunne of Countrywatch, was seen to be videoing members of the rally but was escorted from the area by police when it became obvious to them that his presence was upsetting the crowd. Our wonderful members of the press were present at the rally but they failed to report the dignified, sombre mood of the rally, preferring to run yet more scurrilous stories about members of the HSA.

During the next few days Tony Ball was questioned by police about his actions on the day of Tom's death but the Crown Prosecution Service refused to take any further action against him. Thankfully this person announced to the press in June that he was retiring permanently from hunting. On 10th June the joint master of this hunt, 'Gurney' Sheppard, announced to the press that the hunt was unlikely to continue but cited 'creeping urbanisation' for the end of the hunt, not the loss of status and support they had suffered over the last few years following the banning of hunting on land owned by Cambridgeshire County Council and two cases of the pack rampaging through two local nature reserves. Unfortunately, following a general meeting of hunt members in July 'Gurney' Sheppard announced that the membership of the hunt had outvoted the committee on their proposal to cease hunting and intend to continue their degenerate 'sport' over their traditional hunting grounds.

Despite a season of such unremitting violence, hunts were still being sabotaged daily and many lives have been saved. Local hunt saboteur groups throughout the United Kingdom report successes, even those hunts which employed security found themselves under extreme pressure.

Not all news of violence has been negative. Two hunt supporters of the Bicester and Waddon Chase hunt, namely kennelman Michael Smith and "Hunt Marshal" Richard Cheshire pleaded guilty to putting sab Anthony Hopkins in hospital when one pushed him under a 'quad' all terrain vehicle driven by the other. Both hunt supporters found themselves imprisoned for two months in what the Bicester magistrates described as "a very serious assault". At the same time, Captain Brian Fanshawe, one of Britain's leading huntsmen was on trial at Lincoln Crown Court for assault after having ridden down local sab Martin Casbon.

Other good news is the fact that saboteurs continue to receive money from police following allegations of wrongful arrest and false imprisonment. In February four sabs received a total of £1150 from Surrey police after they agreed to settle out of court. The sabs were arrested outside the Surrey Union kennels because one of the sabs 'was known to the police and all four were held in police custody for several hours!'

MUCKING UP THE MINK HUNTS

Mink Hunting has had a sorry season this year. In April Rose Whitcomb, master of the Ytene, was reported in the Times as having been the victim of death threats prior to the start of the hunting season and warned sabs "...they should know that this season I am carrying a shotgun."!!!



Cam and used well tried and tested methods to scare the fish away from the anglers hooks. Using a punt and diving gear, the activists spoiled a day's fishing for Cambridge anglers. One group of anglers were persuaded to stop their silly, cruel sport in Manchester when activists gathering for the Manchester anti meat rally discovered anglers nearby. Another day's sabotage took place in the West Midlands, with the anglers showing their frustration at the lack of fish victims by punching a sab in the face.

Fortunately the bizarre comment was treated with the contempt it deserved and the Ytene saw more sabotage than ever this year. On 24th July 1993, for example, over 100 Sabs from many regions brought the hunt to a halt. For over four hours the hounds were unable to hunt mink due to the confusion sown by sabs who kept up a noisy barrage of horn and voice calls and waded in waist high water dissuading the hounds from the river bank homes of the mink. Several dig outs were prevented by sabs sitting on the holes dug by the sadistic supporters and they responded by causing several scuffles with sabs out of view of the police. The sabs followed a policy of "giving as good as they got" and took control of the river bank. The hunt eventually admitted defeat and boxed up the hounds, telling the police that they were packing up for the day. However, wary sabs saw them attempt to make a break for it from the kennels after police had left, only to find their lane blocked by several sab vehicles. The poor old hunters finally admitted defeat. Similar sabotage took place throughout their hunting season and sabs can feel justified in congratulating themselves in saving the lives of many mink and bringing about a significant reduction in the environmental damage caused by these unspeakable hooligans of the riverside.

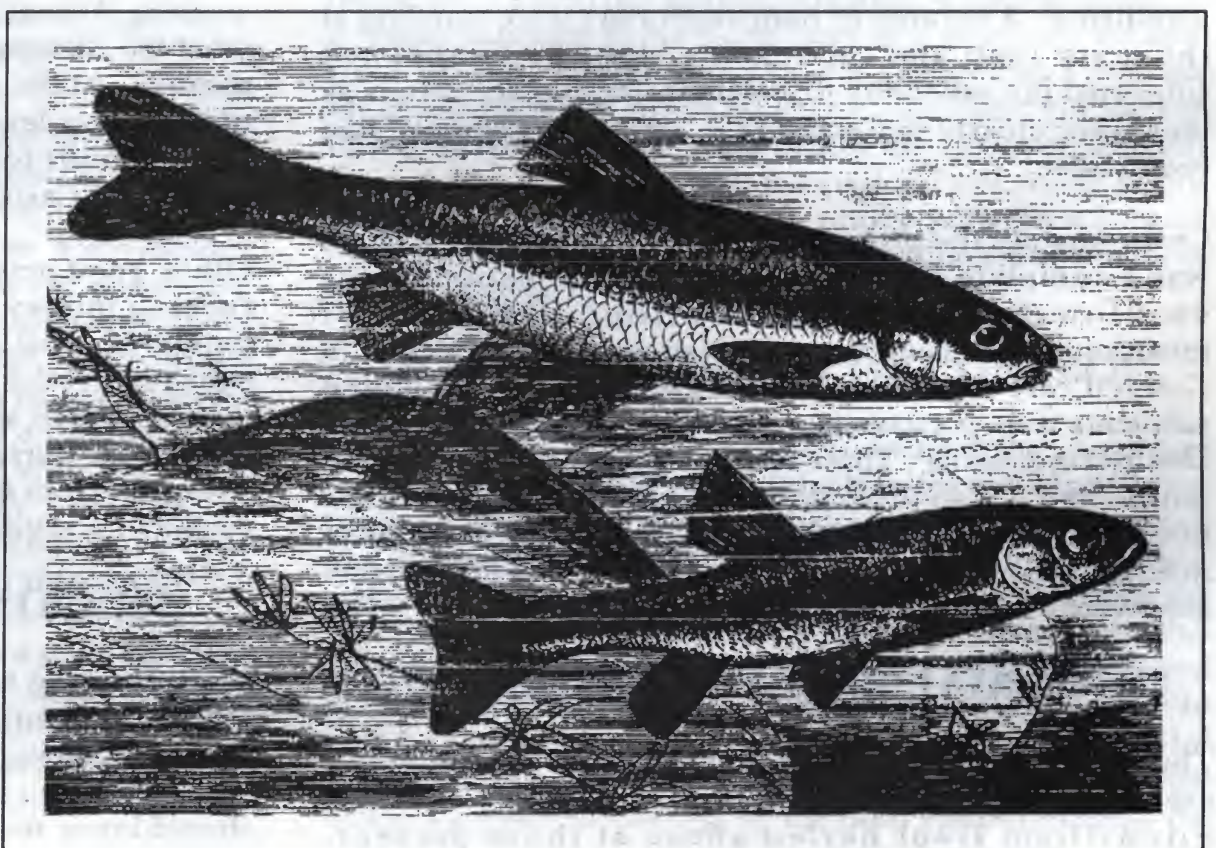
SABBING ANGLING - NO LONGER THE NEGLECTED BLOODSPORT

Saboteurs have stepped up their sabotage of angling this year. A number of angling competitions throughout the country received the attentions of saboteurs and all appeared to have successfully frustrated the bloodsports enthusiasts. On 7th March 1993 Wraysbury reservoir near Staines held an angling competition in aid of the Imperial Cancer Research Foundation. The competition also attracted seven sabs from the London area who spent a most successful day scaring the fish away from the anglers and causing two of them to pack up and leave. Police attending the sab said that the event was on private land and were unable to stop the sabs. During the day none of the anglers appeared to catch anything more than a slight cold.

On the first official day of angling, 16.6.93, activists protested on the River

AND FINALLY - A LEGAL WARNING

With the rise in violence at hunts this season the government seems likely to legislate to enable police to stop confrontation. However, somewhat predictably, ministers are not considering a new vote on banning hunting with hounds (which, incidentally, is likely to be carried by parliament and which will end the violent confrontations, the cruelty and brutality in one fell swoop) but are considering new laws to stop saboteurs getting close to the hunt. Rumours of the Government's approach to the problem abound and at present there is no clear evidence that any one course of action is proposed. Nevertheless, informed sources comment that Lord Ferrers, Home Office Minister, has been 'got at' by the BFSS and is considering inserting a clause in the revised law of trespass relating to travellers and raves to include hunt saboteurs. If the hunt supporters and shooters have their way, it will be an offence not to obey a police instruction to leave private land where people have entered it as trespassers. Leaving aside the obvious difficulty in administering such a law, it is important that people who oppose hunting write to their MP to ensure that such an unwarranted attack on non-violent protestors is defeated and the blame for the increase in violence on hunts is put at the door of the perpetrators - the hunters themselves.



News from the ALF Press Office

by Robin Webb

One of the early issues of Arkangel - number 4 to be exact - included an article written by me on the morality of so-called 'violence' in the animal liberation movement. It credited me as an RSPCA council member and former Assistant Director of Animal Aid and included a critique on the use of arson. A few people have since asked me how I can reconcile the opinion offered at that time with my role as ALF Press Officer. Well, the article was written on morality from a theoretical viewpoint but the practical application of arson was, to use a phrase from that article, 'a separate argument for another time'. Perhaps that time is now.

The Band of Mercy (ALF's predecessor) was formed in August 1972 and originally concentrated on hunts. Its concerns expanded during 1973 with arson attacks on pharmaceutical companies and, later, seal-culling boats. Since then it has been used consistently as a tactic with no human being harmed during the 20 years or so of such activities. It cannot be repeated too often that the ALF has always adhered to a policy of taking every precaution not to endanger life. However, it is not a perfect world. Even this page you are reading, recycled though it may be, would originally have cost lives to produce... the occupants of the tree, small though they may have been, enjoyed life which was important to them. Regretfully, one cannot remain in the real world to fight battles without there being casualties. So long as causing harm was not only unintentional but also minimised so far as possible then surely one can ask no more. None of us are innocent enough to criticise, but it is strange that those who raise the loudest cries of horror against such tactics are often those who don't fully subscribe to the maxim 'if it ain't vegan it ain't cruelty-free'. Which takes us on to the latest issue of 'The Campaigner' from the NAVS.

The report on World Day includes criticism of alleged behaviour by the ALF. As the ALF itself wasn't officially represented I presume they mean the SG or Press Office. The truth about speakers last year, and this, is simple. About two months before World Day 1992 I approached Jan Creamer on behalf of Keith Mann who would have liked a message read out from the animal rights prisoners. Jan explained that it was not possible as speakers and timing had already been arranged. On the day there were vociferous calls from sections of the demonstrators for an ALF speaker. These calls were spontaneous and nothing to do with either the SG or Press Office, a fact that Jan Creamer accepted at the time. For 1993, neither the SG nor the Press Office bothered to ask about having a speaker and, to the best of our knowledge, there were no calls for one. People were quite happy to visit our stands at the 'alternative fair'. We would have liked to publicise ourselves at the NAVS exhibition but stalls for us were not available. So we participated in an event which augmented

World Day. Because of the location of ARC's 'alternative fair' people could visit both that and the NAVS exhibition. What's wrong with that?

Meanwhile, the work of the Animal Liberation Front itself - the activists - has continued. Up and down the country, on a nightly basis, the ALF has continued to help the animal abusers by freely redecorating their shops, improving the security of their premises by supergluing the locks, and advancing staff welfare by installing new air conditioning systems which, unfortunately, sometimes causes slight (and often not-so-slight) damage to their windows. Still, I guess that nothing's perfect and it does indicate that the ALF is taking on board the argument from many national societies that we should all be prepared to hold a dialogue and work with the abusers!! Perhaps we could all, in various ways, offer them even more help?

Larger actions haven't been neglected either. For example, on 4th May a group of activists spent several hours during the night rescuing 80 rabbits near Lymm in Cheshire. The raid included crossing a small river and making numerous trips across the fields. Among those rescued were breeding does with their young. All are now in good permanent homes. Hyline has been raided several times over a number of years and the activists say that the actions will continue until the place - which supplies both the fur trade and vivisection - has closed down. Also in May, an economic sabotage action was carried out at pheasant breeding premises near Whitchurch in Shropshire. The anonymous caller claimed that seven rearing sheds had been destroyed by incendiary devices but they must have been too modest as the final tally of sheds destroyed or damaged came to no less than nineteen. This action was one that indicated the conspiracy that exists to deny the true scale of ALF activities. An inspector in the Shropshire police asked me 'not to tell the news media as it encourages people to go out and break windows and things like that'. Of course, to use a phrase I seem to have heard elsewhere, I was 'only doing my job' when I told the press about it.

While that was going on in the UK, over in Germany three shooting towers were destroyed on three consecutive nights. These are pretty solidly built structures of concrete and metal which blood junkies use to shoot from at anything and everything. All three were dismantled and came crashing to the ground.

Things have been 'hotting up' recently with an increase in animal rights/liberation of all types, both legal and otherwise. July saw a huge broiler shed destroyed near West Hadham in Northamptonshire. Although claimed through the Press Office as an ALF action the reports were

somewhat confusing. The newspaper said it was a battery unit despite being told carefully and clearly that it wasn't, while the farmer seemed to claim it wasn't even used for animals or birds. Never mind all that... it was a broiler shed, it was a hell-hole and it was taken out by the ALF. August saw quite a remarkable beginning with a Halal slaughterhouse at Tyldesley near Manchester closing after a three-year campaign by local residents and animal rights groups. The final straw came when their offices were completely wrecked and valuable files taken. Mahmood Meats of Parr Bridge Farm: 0 - Animal Liberation Front: 1. A few days later 83 hens from a battery unit at Molash in Kent decided to go to new homes and the following morning two young pigs from the pig research centre at Wye College (linked to London University and holding a Home Office licence) near Ashford, also in Kent, likewise moved house. The activists say they will be back. The farmer at Coppin's Farm near Molash says he'll be waiting with a shotgun. No good, that's been tried before without success. As for Wye College, they'll probably just spend more money on useless 'security measures'. That was followed by the rescue of ten beagles, eight adults and two nine-month-old youngsters, from the Cheshire Beagles hunt. Original reports said that only six had been taken, the next that they wouldn't survive outside the pack, then one was found 'wandering near the busy A49', the Cheshire Beagles/BFSS offered £5,000 reward for information and then came news that all ten had been killed by their rescuers!! The truth? Ten were rescued and the activists made sure all of them were safe in their new homes before confirming it to the Press Office.

Thanks for a fair deal a couple of times goes to the Chester Chronicle newspaper for trying to be objective and unbiased and also to BBC Radio GMR for the rare opportunity of a live interview on their morning news. That's about the only way to point out facts such as the only person ever convicted of an 'animal rights car bomb' was the blood junkie Alan Newberry-Street who placed it under his own Land Rover in an attempt to discredit the movement.

Further down, in Lincolnshire, six dogs were rescued from a farm and, as usual, taken to good homes after veterinary treatment. All six were emaciated and this was the seventh time dogs had been 'rehomed' from this farm. The activists concerned say that they will continue to target this place until the farmer stops keeping dogs. Watch this space...

So, up and down the country the ALF is still there, still busy and still effective. Don't forget, the Animal Liberation Front is not an organisation, not an elite band of compassionate commandoes, not some group you have to get references to join. The ALF is people who care enough about animals to take a few risks, people who are tired of talking while the animals die, people who do all kinds of things for animals from letter-writing to kennel-cleaning but need to do some more. In short, people like YOU!

(The last four lines have been omitted due to a suggestion which could be construed as an encouragement to act illegally! - Ed.)

The Vegetarian Esperanto Group (V.E.G.)

The group was set up to bring together British animal/human rights activists and environmentalists in order to help activists in other countries where consideration of these issues is rare. We use Esperanto because it is easy to learn, so we can all fairly quickly learn to communicate effectively in a totally neutral language and, of course, because it is the only real ethical option for a truly international group.

WHAT WE DO: We are planning one-day, weekend and one-week meetings and camps in Britain and Europe for people to learn Esperanto, exchange ideas, and develop materials for our fellow-thinkers in other countries.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO JOIN?: £5.00 for 3 years - which gives you full voting rights at meetings, two English-language newsletters each year, and an optional Free Correspondence Course in Esperanto -- or -- £5.00 for one year, or £15.00 for three years gives you the above plus a quarterly 24-page magazine all in Esperanto, but you will soon be able to read most of it, if you do the correspondence course!

Payments may be made by cheques to VEGO, or send first or second class stamps.

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(V.E.G. is registered with the Vegan Society, The Vegetarian Society and the Esperanto-Asocio de Britio.)

HELPERS NEEDED

...for the Arkangel information project. We especially need voluntary helpers who

- a) have some scientific knowledge and are willing to spend time in their local university library, or
- b) have access to facilities whereby they can trace names and/or addresses of animal abusers.

We also need people who are willing to spend time doing research in their local library or in the British Library if they live in London.

Anyone willing to help, please write (including your telephone number) to;

*Arkangel Information,
BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX.*

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

A SMALL SELECTION FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS!

Police condemn animal rights' city shop stunt

ANIMAL rights activists have been criticised by an Oxford police inspector for causing a chemical alert and wasting emergency services' time.

The police and fire brigade were called to Boots in Oxford's High Street on Sunday lunchtime

after a call to a local radio station, allegedly from the Animal Liberation Front, which said a highly corrosive substance had been sprayed on the windows.

Acting Inspector Geoff Wooloff, of St Aldate's police station, said: "Although some people may sympathise with the causes of the Animal Liberation Front

and such-like organisations, we cannot condone irresponsible acts of criminal damage, especially those that put the safety of pedestrians and tourists at risk, which cause damage and which waste the time and resources of the emergency services.

"This, in turn, directly affects the quality of service we can provide to the general public we provide though on this occasion it proved to be harmless.

"These attacks often involve the use of harmful chemicals and we must take all precautions to ensure public safety."

He added: "Enquiries are continuing to trace the offenders."

OXFORD JOURNAL - APRIL

Animal Lib in attacks on shops

THE Animal Liberation Front (ALF) has claimed responsibility for a series of attacks on shops in the Arun, Worthing and Adur areas.

ALF press officer Robin Webb said ALF activists had anonymously admitted firing marbles at shop windows using a high velocity catapult, probably from a moving vehicle, in the early hours of Tuesday morning. He added that butchers were targetted in an ongoing campaign against the meat industry and bookmakers were hit for their association with sports such as the steeplechase.

Mr Webb claimed that other shops were targetted due to alleged links with testing on animals. He said he did not encourage activities such as the catapult attacks, but did report what happened and the reasons why.

Mr Webb said the activists struck at shops including the following: Butchers in Sompington, Lancing, Durrington and Rustington; Boots chemist shops in Shoreham, Lancing and Rustington; Ladbroke's branches in Shoreham, Lancing and Littlehampton; Imperial Cancer Research Fund shops in Shoreham and Rustington.

LITTLE HAMPTON
GAZETTE - MAY

Activists target butcher's shop

A BUTCHER'S shop in Leamington has been daubed with anti-meat slogans.

Police say the paint attack on the windows and walls of Alf Jones' shop in Clemens Street on Tuesday was the work of animal rights activists.

Insp Simon Pool said: "Butchers are often targetted by the Animal Liberation Front and from the slogans that were painted it would be fair to say it could be its work or that of a group connected with it." He added there was no reason to believe it was the start of a campaign by activists. Staff at Alf Jones refused to comment.

KENILWORTH WEEKLY
NEWS - MAY

Animal activists target 23 shops

■ 'Hooligans' are condemned for causing damage.

Animal rights activists were today condemned as "mindless hooligans" after a wave of vandal attacks on Portsmouth area shops.

The Animal Liberation Front admitted responsibility for attacks on 23 windows at butchers, betting shops, McDonald's stores, and gun and fishing shops in south-east Hampshire and West Sussex.

Spokesman Robin Webb said "local activists" struck early yesterday, and probably fired ball bearings from a high-powered catapult.

The total damage was estimated at £5,000.

He said it was a protest against blood sports, the meat trade, and racing industry.

"All these people have to do is try to pursue another form of business which does not involve animal suffering," Mr Webb said.

Det Chief Insp Nick Imber, of Hampshire police, said the British people would not be threatened or intimidated by the actions of "mindless hooligans."

PORTSMOUTH NEWS -
MAY

Animal Liberation fanatics target butcher

**YOU
WON'T
SHUT
ME
DOWN**

By **STEPHEN FOSTER**

ANIMAL Liberation fanatics fired a bullet through the window of a Rawtenstall butcher's shop in the early hours of Tuesday.

The attackers also targetted his van.

They poured a corrosive substance over the body work, painted the initials ALF (Animal Liberation Front) with an aerosol can, slashed the van's tyres and put super glue into the locks.

Weapon

Mr Colin Leach (55) runs the Burnley Road shop with his wife Carman. They live over the premises.

Mr Leach believes the weapon used to damage the shop window was more powerful than an air rifle because there were fragments of glass 20ft into the premises.

The damage was discovered at 6.40am. Later that morning, Mr Leach received an anonymous phone call.

ROSSENDALE FREE PRESS - APRIL



Disgusted butcher Colin Leach inspects the damage to his van caused by animal rights activists. (K8641)

"He just said I hope you are happy now, laughed and put the phone down," said Mr Leach, who thought the caller had a Liverpool accent.

The attack has left him defiant and confused as to the motive. "They are not going to close me

down, they are not going to achieve anything by this."

He said he had no idea why his business was targetted, but he knew of several butcher's shops in the Greater Manchester area which had been attacked.

Acid used in attack

Animal liberation campaigners used highly dangerous acid to daub hate messages on more than 40 shop windows in Chester.

Messages like "scum", "killers" and "ALF" were smeared on the windows of Boots, three butchers shops and fishmongers, police said.

Highly dangerous hydrofluoric acid, an etching substance, was used in the attacks in Chester town centre and on the city's outskirts at Hoole.

A police spokesman said the attacks could have been extremely dangerous to members of the public and particularly children.

SHROPSHIRE STAR - APRIL

Circus poster sparks attacks

ATTACKS on Hurst and Hassocks businesses by animal liberationists have been likened to terrorism.

A butcher has suffered £10,000 of damage through smashed windows in two years, and last Friday an estate agent displaying a circus poster found a hole shot through his glass door.

Both men are convinced the people who carried out the attacks are those who delivered warning notices to shops and businesses in the area demanding the removal of the circus posters.

Police are unsure whether the missiles are fired at the windows from guns or catapults.

Victim of the latest incident is estate agent Gary Marples from High Street, Hurstpierpoint.

In his window last Thursday night was a poster advertising the John Lawson circus which took place on the nearby South Avenue Rec this week.

MID SUSSEX TIMES - APRIL

Animal rights group run amok

ANIMAL Rights campaigners went on a wrecking spree in Camden Town on Tuesday night.

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) sprayed slogans on and superglued the locks of two butchers, the Royal Veterinary College and the Camden Road branch of William Hill bookies.

But the defiant business people of Camden had scrubbed off the graffiti, fixed the locks and opened for business first thing on Wednesday morning.

CAMDEN AND ST. PANCRAS CHRONICLE - MAY

Animal Lib activists claim bird farm arson

By Jon Simcock and Joe Baldwin

Radical animal rights activists today claimed responsibility for a £10,000 fire at a Shropshire pheasant farm.

The Animal Liberation Front said it planted incendiary devices which triggered seven separate blazes at the farm at Sandford, near Whitchurch.

Police and fire experts were today sifting through debris from last night's blazes as a massive arson investigation was launched.

A senior fire officer said he could not confirm ALF claims the blazes had been started by a series of petrol bombs.

But Assistant Divisional Officer Michael Williams said valves on gas canisters at the site had been turned on to accelerate the flames.

Nineteen pheasant sheds were destroyed in the fire, and up to 20 canisters of liquid petroleum gas exploded.

"It was obvious it was arson but we are still carrying out tests to discover how the fires were actually started."

ALF spokesman Robin Webb said a "semi-autonomous" cell of the group had launched the attack with incendiary devices.

He said the company was rearing birds to be shot for fun and was therefore a legitimate target for a "major attack".

Devices

The safety of the fire crew and local residents would have been taken into consideration when the devices — believed to be petrol bombs — were planted, he claimed.

The site is run by Cheshire Game Supplies, which breeds up to 90,000 birds at the centre.

Mrs Gill Grocott, of the company, said her husband Pete discovered the fires as he checked the pens shortly before midnight.

SHROPSHIRE STAR - MAY

Campaigners 'free' rabbits from farm

THE Animal Liberation Front yesterday claimed it released rabbits from a Cheshire farm.

A spokesman expressed concern about the purpose and manner of keeping rabbits in captivity.

Last night Edwin Sutton, a director of Hylyne Rabbits, at Lymm, near Warrington, refused to comment on the raid, initially denying it had taken place.

But a police spokesman confirmed that Mr Sutton had reported the theft of rabbits from his farm.

He added: "We were told that there was no evidence of ALF involvement, no signs or letters left."

Yesterday ALF Press officer Robin Webb said 80

rabbits had been liberated on Wednesday night.

"The rabbits, probably New Zealand Whites, some breeding stock and some does with their young, have been taken to new homes where they will be cared for properly," he said.

"We are committed to ending abuse of animals, either by rescuing animals, causing economic sabotage or damaging equipment and property until the businesses shut down. However, we are opposed to endangering life."

The farm has held open days in the past to allow the public to see for themselves the conditions in which the rabbits are kept.

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST - MAY

Animal rights sabotage vow

THE Animal Liberation Front has an active cell in Dorset — and the group has pledged to continue its campaign of sabotage in the county.

Recent incidents have included attacks on Roger Daltrey's fish farm at Iwerne Minster, a slaughterhouse at Stourton Caundle and Sturminster Newton cattle market.

Its latest attack occurred last weekend when two butchers' shops in Dorchester had their windows smashed.

The word "murderers" was scrawled on the front of one of shops, Dewhursts in South Street.

At the time the police said they did not believe the attacks to be the work of animal activists, but the ALF have now claimed responsibility.

National Press Officer Robin Webb said: "There

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is definitely a cell at work in Dorset. And as long as animal abuse continues, I am confident this group will continue to attack butchers, slaughterhouses and laboratories in line with our national campaign."

Mr Webb said the organisation had no central command structure, with individual groups picking their own targets and planning their own campaigns.

He said: "This enables us to protect the anonymity of our activists."

Eighteen months ago Mr Webb was at the centre of a national controversy when he announced his membership of the group while still a member of the RSPCA's National Committee. Soon after he was expelled from the RSPCA.

The police have refused to comment on Mr Webb's statement.

Animal protest row

POLICE slammed animal rights protesters who caused a major chemical alert when they attacked Boots The Chemist shop in Commarket Street, Oxford.

A man claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front phoned Radio Oxford and warned that dangerous chemicals had been poured on the shop front.

Police confirmed that the substance was corrosive. A spokesman added: "This put people's safety at risk, and caused an extra strain on the emergency services."

OXFORD COURIER - APRIL

£5,000 cost of vandal attack

AN attack by animal rights activists on Saltdean Lido has caused £5,000 worth of damage.

But businessman Kevin Sadler, who recently took over the loss-making pool from Brighton Council, is vowing to be back in business by the weekend.

Animal Liberation Front activists poured a gallon of creosote into the swimming pool on Monday night.

They were protesting at Brighton Council's decision to allow vivisectionists to hold a conference at the Brighton Centre.

But, instead of striking at Brighton Council property, they sabotaged the business of Mr Sadler.

The attack will leave the pool shut until Sunday, while it is drained and refilled.

Mr Sadler said: "We're determined it will cause as little disruption as possible."

BRIGHTON EVENING

ARGUS - JUNE

Animals rights group hits borough traders

A DESTRUCTIVE campaign against Camden businesses has been launched by animal rights activists.

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) attacked targets in Camden Town on Sunday — the second time within a week.

An insider of the group told the Chron: "Local activists appear to have just started a campaign."

Bricks were lobbed through the windows of Corrigan's meat market, Camden Road, at 11.35am on Sunday and, that evening, the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), in Royal College Street, had windows smashed by rocks.

Corrigan's was cited as part of an "on-going campaign against the meat industry which kills 700 million animals and birds each year", said the insider.

And the RVC was attacked for its alleged use of animals in experiments.

The attacks follow a grim graffiti campaign last Tuesday night when four buildings were sprayed with ALF slogans and warnings. Superglue was used on locks.

The RVC and Corrigan's were again targeted but Barnard's butchers, Plender Street, and William Hill bookies, Camden Road, were also defaced.

Proprietors cleaned the messages — which read 'Meat is Murder' and 'ALF, your time is going to come' — but worries are emerging about the extent of the campaign.

A Kentish Town police spokesman said: "Our officers are keeping their eyes open on this."

CAMDEN AND ST. PANCRAS CHRONICLE - MAY

by TOM LARKIN

Protesters warn of 'spoiled' meat

FRESH meat was cleared off the shelves of a Cambridge superstore after a warning that it had been contaminated by animal rights activists.

Dozens of packets of fresh beef, pork and lamb were removed from the shelves of Leo's at the Beehive Centre.

Initial checks revealed no evidence of contamination.

A police inquiry has started into the circumstances surrounding the warning and Leo's is to run its own investigation into the incident.

Animal Liberation Front spokesman Robin Webb said he had

received a warning from someone at about 10 am on Sunday who claimed to have contaminated food at the store on the front's behalf. He said he passed the warning to the police.

Contaminating food products was supported by the ALF, he said.

"It is certainly within the ALF's policies as long as the contamination is not life-threatening," he said.

"It is economic sabotage, to try to price them out of business."

Chris Cadman, a spokesman for Leo's, said the firm would work fully with the police to investigate the incident, and would give refunds to anyone who bought contaminated items.

CAMBRIDGE EVENING NEWS - JUNE

Shops attacked by ALF vandals

ANIMAL rights protesters smashed two shop windows in Bournemouth and Poole on Friday night.

Bournemouth Fishing Lodge in Wimborne Road, Moordown, and Shorts butchers in Penn Hill Avenue, Parkstone, both reported finding holes in their windows - the damage probably caused by a cata-

pault and stone fired from a passing car.

"It's hooliganism and they should be arrested," said butcher Cyril Strong.

"I'm not very pleased but I don't want to say too much," said Ivor Brittain of the fishing tackle shop. "I have heard this group is anti-angling."

In a phone call to The Advertiser ALF press officer Robin Webb said: "We call it economic sabotage

because 175 years of lawful campaigning hasn't stopped the disgrace of animal exploitation with 700 million animals and birds killed every year.

"The abolition of slavery and women's emancipation all used this kind of direct action. I don't encourage it but it happens because of sheer frustration that the law has failed the animals."

BOURNEMOUTH ADVERTISER - JUNE

Animal Lib owns up

RESPONSIBILITY for attacks on three local commercial premises has been claimed by the Animal Liberation Front.

Windows at Boots in Queensway, Stevenage, were damaged with an etching liquid recently.

A fishing tackle shop in London Road, Baldock, had its windows damaged.

Also targeted on the same night was Ladbrokes betting shop in Hitchin. A spokesman for ALF said damage caused was relatively minor because the attack was stopped by police.

LETCHEWORTH AND BALDOCK COMET - JUNE

Activists hit at food shop

By JANE ELLIOTT

ANIMAL rights activists claimed they smashed a window at a Carlisle fast-food shop.

The Animal Liberation Front says it broke a window at McDonald's store in Scotch Street as part of its campaign against the multi-national chain.

The front is protesting at what it claims are large number of animals killed and the processing methods used.

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A spokesman said: "Sometimes you have to go outside the law, as they did with the emancipation of women and the abolition of slavery."

A McDonald's spokesman confirmed that a large window at the restaurant had been smashed and that the costs were extensive.

He was unaware that the front had claimed to have caused the damage.

Bird shooting hides attack

THE Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for destroying 72 shooting butts on Mosses Moors, Derbyshire. The butts are camouflaged places where people can shoot birds from.

Animal Liberation Front spokesman Robin Weir said: "It was done to cause maximum disruption before the start of the pheasant shooting season on August 12."

SHEFFIELD STAR - JULY

Attacks 'point to local activists'

A cell of extreme animal rights activists could be at large in north Shropshire, it has been claimed. The area has been the target of a number of sophisticated attacks by the Animal Liberation Front, a leading field sports lobby says.

The radical group - whose members correspond via drop boxes - this week claimed responsibility for a high-publicity raid on hunt kennels near Whitchurch.

Intruders grabbed six beagles after cutting phone wires and ripping down iron bars at the isolated Cheshire Beagles base in Cholmondeley.

Incendiaries

Just two months ago the same group admitted planting incendiary bombs at a pheasant farm in Sandford, between Whitchurch and Market Drayton. The attack caused £10,000 damage.

And in Chester, ALF slogans were daubed on the windows of chemists and butchers in a night of vandalism.

Now a spokesman for the British Field Sports Society says the proximity and knowledge needed for the attacks means culprits could be local.

SHROPSHIRE STAR - AUGUST

Animal libbers glue shop locks

Animal-rights terrorists have begun a campaign of disruptive vandalism against a selection of shops in Merton.

In a series of commando-like raids last week, members of the Animal Liberation Front put glue in the locks of shops in Wimbledon, Raynes Park and Morden.

Stores struck by the activists include Boots The Chemist, fast food outlet McDonalds and book-makers William Hill. Two butchers in Morden and a fishing tackle shop in Wimbledon were

also hit.

In an anonymous letter to *The Guardian*, a member of the Animal Liberation Front claimed that the shops glued were involved in the exploitation of animals.

"Anyone involved in the abuse of animals is a target - Boots The Chemist and McDonalds will be receiving particular attention," the letter said.

"We also advise shop owners not to display posters advertising circuses planning to come to town, as action will be taken

against any shops displaying these posters."

The letter then stated that individuals involved in cruelty to animals were also targets.

A spokesman from Wimbledon police station said animal rights campaigners were suspected of the crimes when they were reported, but this line of enquiry was confirmed only when he read the ALF's letter to the press.

"They aren't doing it for kicks, they are doing it for political motives," he said.

WIMBLEDON GUARDIAN - JULY

Hen raid farmer's threat to activists

A FARMER has warned Animal Liberation Front raiders: "If you come back I shall be here with a loaded shotgun."

But ALF activists say they will return, despite the warning from James Stanford, 80, who is furious after a Saturday night incident at his Coppins Farm in Molash, near Ashford.

The ALF took 83 chickens worth £250 from the chicken house at the 300-acre farm.

A spokesman said the raid followed information that the chickens were kept in appalling conditions.

Mr Stanford, who has farmed at Molash since 1938, said: "I don't

by DOUGLAS WYTHER

know what they are talking about.

"The chickens are kept in regulation size cages and they are well cared for. We only keep five in a cage instead of the six we could accommodate according to regulations."

Mr Stanford runs the farm with his wife and two sons.

He said the ALF left the chicken house door open as they went, which meant chickens escaped and were found later, killed by a fox.

The trauma of the raid has upset the remaining 400 chickens,

who have been put off laying.

Robin Webb, ALF spokesman, said: "The chickens we took are now all with good homes. We are concerned about the situation at Coppins Farm."

"Regulations in general relating to battery hens are inadequate. Coppins Farm is just one farm that is likely to get another visit."

The ALF also hit Wye College at the weekend and removed two piglets.

The spokesman said: "The college has pigs in various conditions but often not good. We shall be visiting again."

The college is investigating the incident.

Burger bar is attacked

AN ANIMAL rights group has claimed responsibility for smearing rubbish on a window of the new drive-in McDonald's in Northolt just days before its opening.

The Animal Liberation Front also struck at a Cancer Research charity shop, a pet shop and a butchers last week.

A McDonald's spokeswoman said the company was not aware of any attack on the new restaurant which only opened on Monday.

But police confirmed attacks had taken place on targets mentioned on an anonymous letter sent to the Gazette this week.

The Cancer Research shop in Ruislip Road, Greenford, had windows smashed and locks glued shut. Greenford Pets, in Greenford Broadway, had its locks filled with glue and neighbouring Kirby and Son butchers had its windows smashed. The West London branch of the group also made an unconfirmed claim, in a separate letter, to have taken "direct action" against the drug firm Glaxo by daubing paint on the side of a truck while a driver slept.

ALF spokesman Robin Webb said McDonald's killed "countless thousands" of animals every year. He said Glaxo was a legitimate target "because of their involvement in animal testing".

GREENFORD AND NORTHOLT GAZETTE - JULY

Vandals attack butchers

Vandals painted graffiti across the front of a Nuneaton butcher's during the early hours of Friday morning.

The words "meat is murder", along with offensive language and the initials ALF, were sprayed on the shutters of F J Betteridge butcher's shop in Edward Street.

On the same night similar words were daubed across the front of McDonalds restaurant in Queens Road.

Inspector Derek Smith, of Nuneaton police, said: "We are in the process of investigating the incidents and are treating them both as criminal damage."

NUNEATON (HA HA) AND BEDWORTH WEEKLY TRIBUNE - JUNE

Animal activists may be at work around Drayton

A cell of extreme animal rights activists could be at large in north Shropshire, it is feared.

The area has been the target of a number of sophisticated strike attacks by the Animal Liberation Front, claims a leading blood sports lobby.

The radical group - whose members correspond via drop boxes - last week claimed responsibility for a high-publicity raid on hunt kennels near Whitchurch.

Intruders grabbed six beagle hounds after cutting phone wires and ripping down iron bars at the isolated base of the Cheshire Beagles in Cholmondeley.

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Now a spokesman for the British Blood Sports Society says the proximity and knowledge needed for the attacks means culprits could be local.

"It would be right to assume they must be quite local. They knew where the hounds were, they knew where to park and which roads to use."

"They are very, very sophisticated. To get to the stage of cutting telephone wire means they are professional people out to do mischief," he said.

The spokesman warned the ALF would stop at nothing to get its rights message across.

The result meant law-abiding huntsmen and other sports people were taking more and more security measures.

"They tend to be prime targets because that is a very media grabbing thing to do."

"If they are that extreme does it mean a little old lady who enjoys the company of a budgie will also be under threat from bombs?" he added.

ARK ANGEL COMMENT

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Prison Reflections

by Chris Tucker

I would like to start by saying that for me, the fear of prison was much worse than the experience itself. Prison is seen as a punishment for our supposed crimes. However, the word punishment has all kinds of negative implications attached to it, especially designed to instill the 'fear' which for so long I had hanging over me.

In fact, is it not about time we regarded prison not so much as a punishment but as a sacrifice and turned a possibly negative ordeal into one which benefits us? Not just benefits us as individuals, but the movement as a whole. The conditions in the three prisons that I served my sentence in were better than I expected. The vegan food was extremely good, and the attitudes of other inmates and some officers was in general quite supportive. I received hundreds of letters during my imprisonment, some from children as young as twelve years of age, asking for my advice. I tried as much as I could under the circumstances to encourage those who wrote to remain strong and to continue the struggle.

In fact, imprisoning animal rights activists seems to make many of us more determined, not less so, even if the judge gives out ridiculously long sentences. The judge in my case gave me 15 months for allegedly throwing a smoke bomb into a McDonalds restaurant, even though the 'bomb' I was said to have thrown vanished at my trial. Apparently, the prosecution informed the judge that someone had stolen the evidence from the court the previous night, along with some cannabis due to be exhibited in another case!

Before sentencing, the judge said that I had a right to my beliefs but the public had a right to freedom of choice. It all sounds very nice and fair - surely, isn't that what we are fighting for, freedom? The judge however raised an important point. So many times certain national organisations (who admittedly do some good) say that once we've made the public aware of animal cruelty, they

have a right to choose. Would the animals being murdered in slaughterhouses agree that they are dying fairly because of the public right to choice? The public have never had a right to choose whether to eat, wear, hunt or experiment on animals, it is not their life that has been taken and to say that they have a right to choice is a lie.

Lies! That is something the press seems very fond of, either lies or hushing up the truth. The highlight of my imprisonment was the news of the Grand National being disqualified, partly due to the antics of animal rights protestors, despite the press largely not reporting this fact. However, my jubilation was sadly short lived and was brought crashing down in a matter of hours with the death of yet another hunt sab. The shock was increased even more by the lies and vile squalid rubbish (putting it politely) that I read in certain newspapers concerning the hunt saboteurs.

How many more deaths do we need? The "Make My Day" piece in Arkangel 9 was well overdue, as not only is self defence acceptable, it is often morally wrong in my opinion not to defend ourselves. Naturally, however, at this moment in time feelings are running extremely high. I hope we as a movement never fall into the animal abusers' way of violence and hatred. Non-violence should also be seen as a strength, not a weakness. Morals apart, violence can never work, it breeds years of hatred and resentment not only in those that use it but in its victims as well. I would like to state however that although violence is an attitude as well as an action, I do not see how you can be violent towards property, if the attitude is one of love and concern for non-humans.

On a more cheerful note, a letter from a young American activist asked if animal liberation could ever be a reality. I wrote back and told him that for thousands of animals now been saved in this country and abroad, animal liberation has already happened and was a reality for them now! Yet

why are most activists young? After the age of 30, it seems we have an invisible retiring age. Precisely because of the nature of our struggle, and on our side at least (so far) without violence or killing, anyone at almost any age can get involved. Remember, whether you are 16 or 60 (or older) YOU can support the ALF. The animals need you, (here I am encouraging people to join the ALF Supporters' Group and not, of course, to get involved in illegal actions!)

I would like to end by saying thank you to all those friends and supporters who sent me cards and letters of encouragement. They meant a lot to me and helped to break my feelings of isolation. When I went through an extremely depressed period, the letters showed that there were people who cared. If you end up making the sacrifice of prison, you will not be forgotten.

Footnote:

I have been asked to describe an event that occurred in my last months of imprisonment. At Highpoint Prison there was an ornamental pond with several large goldfish and hundreds of small ones in it. This pond was vandalised by inmates and the fish had to be removed and placed in a large tank where they were fed and generally looked after reasonably well. However, some inmates started to remove the young fish and place them in pickle jars in their cells. The jars were often kept in direct sunlight. Loud music caused violent vibrations in the water in the jars, and as well as the boredom the fish suffered, many were also not fed properly. Obviously, it was extremely cruel keeping goldfish in these conditions, like a prison within a prison. I was warned to keep my mouth shut and mind my own business and serve my time inside and wait until I got out before I complained. However, it is our business what happens to our non-human brothers and sisters. So I informed the prison officers that I wanted all the fish removed from the inmates' cells and placed back into the large tank, otherwise I would write to the RSPCA, animal rights groups and even the ALF (I did originally ask to have all the fish re-homed with animal rights people but this request was turned down).



Surprisingly, the prison officers did remove all of the fish from the inmates' cells and put them back into the large tank. Obviously I was not too popular among certain inmates and was labelled a 'grass' and was eventually attacked. I was placed in the segregation unit for my own protection, and eventually moved to a completely separate part of Highpoint Prison. Most of the other inmates, prison officers and even some animal rights friends said I should have kept quiet, and respected other inmates' freedom of choice, etc. Well, when animal rights prisoners are locked up they will never stop fighting for animal liberation. They can lock up our bodies but not our beliefs. To keep quiet would have been to betray the animals. They need men and women of courage to fight for them, not cowards and traitors.

All Publicity is Good Publicity?

by Martin Masterman-Lister

I would like to know if anyone, having read about an ALF action/scare, has ever said, "Since that raid I've changed my views on vivisection/meat. I'm now pro-vivisection and pro-meat and animal cruelty".

A few years ago after an ALF food scare, people that I worked with came to me to ask me my views on the scare. Although many people registered their disapproval of the action, not one said they would go out and buy more of the product as a direct result of the ALF action. On the contrary, some said they would boycott the product as they hadn't previously realised that the product was related to animal suffering.

So, the event had registered in their minds, perhaps in their sub-conscience, to lie there for years, but it was in their memory. I can understand animal rights supporters complaining that some activities are, as they see it, detrimental to the animal rights cause as a whole, but I regard these actions as a worthwhile exercise that gains publicity, if nothing else. So, please don't criticise actions before you have looked into the whole picture, including the subconscious thoughts of the public.

I wonder if any of your readers can think up any appropriate names to call McDonalds. As well as the standard McMurderers and McDeath, how about McMortury or McMegadeath (death of a million, quite appropriate). As for Burger King, well Murder King is too easy; mind you, remember what happened to some of the French kings? Now that would be very appropriate! Anyone out there with any other or better suggestions?

Report - The Brighton Vivisectors' Conference

This report is based on an account provided by "Black & White and Green"

The Federation of European Laboratory Animal Science Associations (FELASA) stirred up a whirlwind of emotions when they held their fifth symposium in Brighton in June.

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) began a public awareness campaign to highlight the event by fly-posting several hundred posters around the town. Slogans included: "Lock Up Your Animals", "Watch Out, Vivisectors About!", and "Who's Making a Bloody Profit? Wash Your Hands and Bloody Stop It!" The council were given a seven day warning to cancel the event or suffer the inevitable consequences.

In a leaked letter to Brighton Council, dated December 1990, FELASA claimed that their concern was, "Welfare, and proper and humane use of laboratory animals." They were, "Established to improve an existing situation... making (their) contribution to laboratory animal welfare on an international scale... Papers will be presented... which will consider alternatives to animal-based research."

It would seem that Brighton Council was misled. FELASA lecture topics included: "Infectious Diseases of Laboratory Species; Animals as Models of Human Diseases; Genetically Defined Models; Logistics of Maintaining Rats on a NASA Space Shuttle; and Behaviour Studies and Husbandry."

Councillors were misled. The Council's Tourism and Resort Services Department officer, Mr W Burnett, claimed in a letter to a councillor that Dr Jennings of the RSPCA's Laboratory Animals Department was "planning to join FELASA", and had, "expressed the hope that Brighton (would be) able to host the 1993 conference." It must have been rather embarrassing for the council when Dr Jennings' denial forced them to make a public apology!

The conference was to go ahead regardless, so the ALF embarked on a campaign to spray slogans and red bloody hands on council property. Preston Park Manor, bridges over the main approach to Brighton, the Town Hall, shops and rubbish bins were all targeted.

FELASA issued a press release: "Doctors, vets, and medical researchers are united in the belief that animal research is vital to medical progress... 95% of doctors hold this view." Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments (DBAE) countered with a rather more truthful statement: "Animal models differ from their human counterparts. Conclusions drawn from animal research, when applied to human disease, are likely to delay progress, mislead, and do harm to the patient."

Claims and counter claims flew back and forth. Mark Gold's contribution pretty well summed up the situation; "If it (the conference) is concerned with anybody's

welfare, it is the welfare of those who carry out animal research, in ensuring that they can persuade the public that their work can continue."

On Friday, 4th June there was a bomb scare at the Theatre Royal. Police patrols were stepped up around the city centre. The Corn Exchange, provisional centre for the vivisectors' dinner-dance, was cordoned off as a no-traffic zone.

On Monday, 7th June the ALF claimed responsibility for pouring creosote into a council-owned swimming pool, the cleaning of which proved very expensive. This incident gained considerable television coverage.

On Tuesday, 8th June the conference began. Over 100 delegates had withdrawn and gone home. A delegate complained that, "...we can't have a healthy dialogue with these people... they don't seem interested." ALF Press Officer Robin Webb offered them a public debate. They weren't interested!

On Wednesday, 9th June two protestors appeared in court on public order charges. Security was tight with twenty riot wagons stationed outside the police and law courts. Several fountains suddenly began to run red or start foaming, and the bowling green was creosoted. There were three more public order arrests. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Councillors suddenly remembered that they had made previous arrangements and would not, after all, be able to attend the civic reception they had originally promised the vivisectors!

On Thursday, 10th June the dinner-dance was re-scheduled for the Brighton Centre for security reasons. Three rows of steel barricades were erected, police were drafted in from neighbouring counties, there were police motor-cyclists and more than twenty riot wagons. An "Eye-in-the-Sky" helicopter hovered above. Roads were sealed off. Police on the ground numbered several hundred. There were no more than fifty-five demonstrators that evening!

Afterwards of course, the usual people made the expected noises. Brighton MP Sir Derek Spencer called the demonstrators, "A collection of criminals who went up and down the country causing damage." He continued, "I think the cost of policing the conference was money well spent. We can't give in to people like that..." But perhaps when Sir Derek considers the matter a little more carefully he will realise that the enormous cost in terms of policing, security, cleaning up and disruption will be born by the people who vote him, and his councillor friends, into office - and the last thing they wanted in their town was a vivisectors conference!

The Vivisection Debate

David Lane's article "Who Cares if Vivisection Works?" in Arkangel 9 provoked a considerable response. We reproduce here three replies which seem to adequately cover the points raised. Apologies if your contribution isn't included. We sent David copies of all your letters and invited him to respond - which he did. His is the fourth article below.

Vivisection #1

by Chris Pedler (of ARK - Animal Research Kills)

As founder of the above named organization which campaigns against vivisection primarily on scientific grounds, I am writing in reply to the two articles, 'Who Cares if Vivisection Works?' and 'Just Say "I Don't Know?"' in Arkangel 9.

I would be the first to demand the total abolition of vivisection on moral grounds, even if it were possible for vivisectionists to prove vivisection as being of any value, and clearly to any sane individual the practice has no place in any society calling itself civilized.

However, for many the situation is not so clear-cut. From the early days of vivisection, when over 110 years ago the first laws purporting to 'control' animal experimentation were introduced, the moral and ethical arguments against vivisection have not only failed miserably to stop it, but have allowed it to expand from a few hundred animals per year in those early days, to over five million. The reason for this sad state of affairs is the almost exclusive use of moral arguments against vivisection.

Of course the anti-vivisection movement is composed largely of people whose main concern is for the suffering animals, but the unfortunate fact of life is that whilst people think that vaccines are beneficial, orthodox cancer treatments cure people, animal organs can be transplanted into humans, and so on, and that all medical advances past, present and future are a result of animal research, vivisection will never, repeat never, be abolished.

Therefore, it is not simply a case of "You choose your way and I choose mine," as many in the movement say, but that

there is simply no choice in the matter. The pro-vivisection community presents the issue as a human health issue to the public by saying that animal research is essential for people's health. Therefore it is a human health issue, and has to be tackled as such, whether David Lane or anyone else likes it or not.

In short, the question posed - Who Cares if Vivisection Works? - when put to the vast majority, if not entirety, of parents with sick or crippled children will be a sharp reply of, "We do, **** off!"



The 'Just Say, "I Don't Know?"' article goes on to suggest that there is a detrimental split in the anti-vivisection movement. If this means that there is a growing number of anti-vivisectionists who are awakening to the reality of the situation whereby the moral and ethical arguments not only do nothing to stop vivisection, but in fact allow it to expand - then I for one hope that Noel is correct.

He then says of Peter Singer that by revealing in an interview he knows nothing of whether animal testing is the only method of testing or

not, he is merely admitting that 'the scientific area of the anti-vivisection argument is not his strong point'. Of course it should be the duty of Singer - who likes to be presented as a great champion of the animals - to know at least the basic arguments against vivisection.

The result of Singer's reluctance to reveal vivisection's invalidity as a method of research only reinforces the notion in the eyes of his readers that vivisection is useful. And human nature being what it is, the majority of those readers will be of the opinion that if those 'tests' are useful, then they must continue. However, whether his comments come as a result of ignorance or something else is of little consequence - the result is just the same.

Of course the case against Singer runs much deeper than is revealed in this article. For instance, not revealed is the

fact that Singer and Tom Regan included in the latest edition of their book, "Animal Rights and Human Obligations" a full chapter in favour of vivisection by notorious monkey-head transplanter Dr Robert White! Does Noel suggest that abolitionists work with people like Singer - who repeatedly gives credence to vivisection? No wonder vivisection has never been abolished.

Sadly this talk of "all work together" and "no infighting" is more damaging to the movement than many imagine. The bottom line is that it allows the not-so-sincere type of 'anti-vivisectionist' (of which there are unfortunately a great many), to lead the trusting masses anywhere they choose - which a close historical survey shows is just about anywhere but in the direction of abolition.

Vivisection #2

by William Samuel Purves

David Lane, in his article, "Who Cares if Vivisection Works?" in your issue No. 9, seems to miss the point of the medical arguments against vivisection, which are that it is a false methodology, a fraud. Doctors in Britain Against Animal Experiments (DBAE), which fights vivisection solely on medical grounds does so, not because moral arguments are of secondary importance, but because the multi-national drug companies in pursuit of profits, pseudo-scientists intent on protecting lucrative careers, and university vice-chancellors seeking grants, have proved impervious to any appeal for abolition on grounds of mere morality or humanity.

Hans Ruesch and DBAE would endorse every word of what David Lane says about the moral iniquity of vivisection, but the general public care little or nothing about the suffering of animals, particularly if they believe that such suffering might benefit themselves, and the drug companies and the media see to it that they do so believe.

I am in total agreement with what Alistair Mullan says in his article, "Forget Unity" in the same issue of your magazine. We do not want unity on the basis of a further 100 years of status quo.

Vivisection #3

by Alan Hood

I would like to reply to David Lane's article, "Who Cares if Vivisection Works?" (Arkangel 9, Spring '93). For years, people have been protesting against all experimental research which uses animals, and got nowhere. The placards "Rats Have Rights" and "Stop the Cruelty" have been waved about at demonstrations throughout the world. The vivisectors, the drug pushers and the media have always had a standard reply - "If we don't test on this mouse, your baby is doomed to die from (here the vivisector inserts the name of the disease which he/she is making money from). It is a known fact that a vivisector will always hide behind a baby. This statement from the vivisectors convinces the public that animal liberationists do not give two hoots about people. Then, when thousands of people suffer horrific side-effects from the latest "wonder drug" to come out of the vivisection laboratories the stock reply is, "We

were only trying to save all of the lovely little babies. Anyway it's not really our fault. The drug worked on the mice. How were we to know that humans would react differently?" This is exactly the point. Humans are different to animals.

Vivisection is quite simply medical fraud. Due to the physical and biochemical differences between different species of animals, the reaction of one animal to a drug cannot possibly indicate how another species would react, yet the "scientists" still try to predict the human reaction from medical research. The simulated, artificial diseases

given to laboratory animals are not the same as the human diseases. In fact the animals often only have the symptoms, not the disease. Animal experiments can be used to "prove" almost anything. For any drug there is usually a species of animal which gives satisfactory results. When the rats in Boots' laboratories had problems absorbing Pirenzepine, did the researchers make any changes to the drug? No, instead they found another strain of rats which gave results suggesting that it was safe, making a mockery of the whole idea of "safety testing". The real experimentation starts when the drug is passed safe for rats, mice, cats, dogs, rabbits, monkeys, etc. and is released onto the market, supposedly fit for humans. It is only after a person has taken the drug that the real effect on humans can be seen. After that, it is too late. Open, an anti-arthritis drug was given to thousands of people before



it had to be withdrawn. It killed 70 people in Britain alone, and another 3,500 suffered serious side effects.

There are many other such cases, too numerous to list, yet still the so-called scientists routinely torture thousands of animals every day. The reason? Profit. This is even more evil when one considers that "alternative" non-animal tests already exist. Unfortunately many people are too naive to realise this. They read the vivisectors' glossy brochures, their press releases and their advertisements and they believe every word. They believe that the sole reason that the vivisectors mutilate, cripple and dismember animals is to save lives. They forget that vivisection is a profit-motivated industry. So the public, with good intentions, pumps vast amounts of money into medical research charities, which then goes straight into the pockets of the "scientists". The public must be educated so that they can see through the lies and fraud of animal testing. The moral argument speaks for itself. Unfortunately many people seem, perhaps due to the process of evolution, to have lost their consciences, and will only do something if it benefits themselves. The grey area of morals and ethics, although a vital part of the argument is not enough. The anti-vivisection argument must become an argument based on science if we are to convince the powers-that-be to ban vivisection. This goal is achievable if we can show enough people that Animal Research Kills Humans.

Vivisection #4

by David Lane

In my article "Who Cares if Vivisection Works?" I

clearly made the point that I want to see an immediate end to all vivisection. The suffering of countless

millions of animals is my primary concern and so in reaching that position I consider the question of whether experiments on animals can or cannot benefit humans to be irrelevant - so far as the animals are concerned. I will however readily admit that the obvious harm done to a smaller (but very significant) number of humans is another reason why vivisection must be abolished. I also made the point that the tactic of using people's self-interest to frighten them away from their support of vivisection is perfectly legitimate and liable to be more effective than using the moral argument in most cases.

But I didn't really explain why I decided to write the article in the first place. I'll try harder this time!

My reason for being involved in the animal rights

movement is the same as yours. I see animals tormented, hunted, kept in cages and concrete stalls, experimented upon, forced to perform stupid tricks, taken from their mothers at birth, and valued only for their utility to humans. I want it to stop. Animals are abused in many ways, many different things have to be done to stop that abuse, but there is only one struggle - and almost everyone in the movement knows it. I don't know personally of anyone who fights on a single issue; the vegan hunt sab pickets the circus, waves a banner at the anti-vivisection march, collects signatures for the anti-battery farm petition, and possibly even writes to Arkangel. An exaggeration? Well perhaps slightly, but you get the idea! Of course some people concentrate more on one aspect of animal abuse than other - it's just as well they do - would there be campaigns for the abolition of angling, or against leather and fur otherwise?

Ever since I first became involved in the A/R movement I have been distressed by the endless back-biting, condemnation, and accusations of treachery and infiltration that sometimes appear to be tearing the movement apart. The first local animal rights meeting that

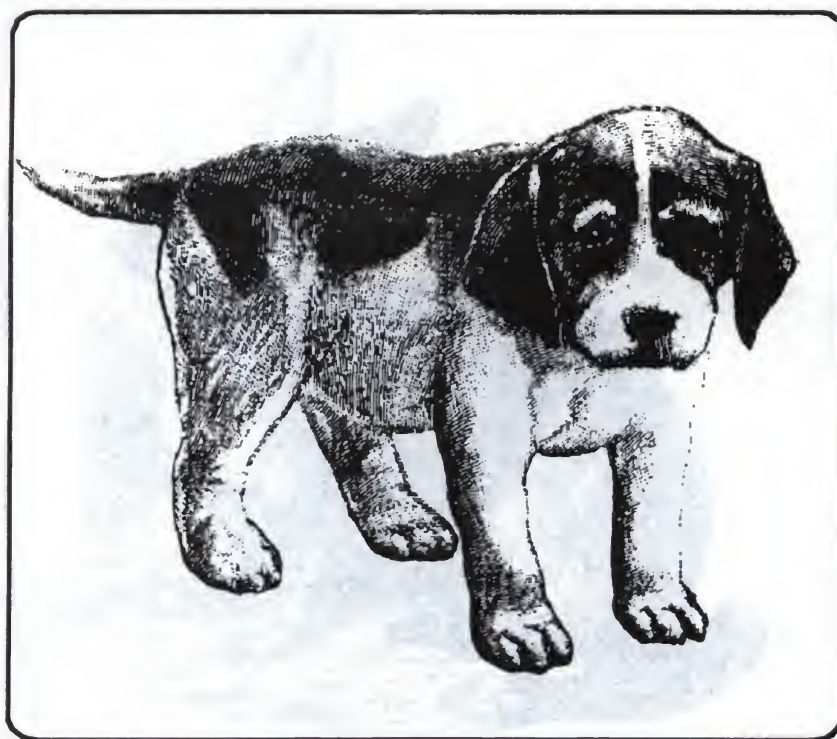
I attended disintegrated over the question of whether cow's milk should be available for teas at the next jumble sale, and shortly after, a certain (long-departed) LACS guest speaker confined his speech to an attack on the ALF at the group's Christmas dinner. And things haven't improved much since then; who remembers when Arkangel was banned from the Living Without Cruelty Exhibition?

We manage to put up with a lot of this kind of nonsense though - we probably get used to it. Recently however, I've read some things which have caused

me more serious alarm and which prompted me to question the "scientific anti-vivisectionist" position in my original article (can I use "SAV" for short?).

I have in front of me newsletters of two of the leading "SAV" organisations, CIVIS and SUPRESS, and they make worrying reading - and not because of harrowing accounts of vivisection - they have virtually nothing to say about animals. The sixteen pages of CIVIS Report No. 14 are devoted almost entirely to attacks on people and organisations. Let's take a random dip inside...

Did you know that Peter Singer's mother is a medical doctor and "brain-washed" him from infancy? Or that he has been engaged in a twenty-year plot to promote vivisection? Richard Ryder is a former vivisector, and Dr



Vernon Coleman apparently used to push "pills and dangerous therapies" before committing the unforgivable crime of advising Sun readers to join the BUAV! And what about Reverend Andrew Linzey who once wanted to fight vivisection with prayers? The Langleys - Doctors Gill and Christopher - were both trained vivisectionists, and Christopher was actually a member of the British Medical Council! (My God! I hope they never find out that I dissected a fish in the third year... I can see the headline now, "David Lane - Vivisectionist").

But these attacks pale into insignificance when you discover that no less than ten pages are devoted to the "sellout" of Jean Pink, founder of Animal Aid. This ten-page editorial by Hans Ruesch also includes scathing attacks on NAVS and BUAV personnel, past and present. (Still, it is "Hans Ruesch's CIVIS" after all, so I suppose he is entitled to a lengthy editorial.)

So what's behind all the muck-raking and vitriol? Well, it's no secret; Hans Ruesch tells us, "CIVIS discovered long ago: that the precise assignment of those who sit at the summit of the big AV societies is to keep vivisection going, by suppressing all information about its banefulness and all the works that reveal it, like 'Slaughter of the Innocent'..." Is this paranoia, or what? If Jan Creamer's an infiltrator then so am I, and I'm not!

Now I'll turn to the SUPRESS newsletter. The Spring 1991 issue was passed to me in response to my article so although it is dated I feel a response is justified. This newsletter actually comprises of just one article entitled, "Animal Rights: The Suicide of a Movement". In contrast to the CIVIS literature, here the reader is presented with an argument. No names, no digging up of murky pasts, but again there is the claim that the big AV organisations are deliberately trying to perpetuate vivisection. This article attempts to prove that "99.9%" of the whole animal rights movement is (perhaps unwittingly) propping up vivisection - in fact, the very existence of an animal rights movement is supposedly exactly what the vivisectionists want! Here are some extracts...

"Animal rights people do not pose a threat to the foundation of vivisection, and thus, they represent the kind of token opposition the biomedical empire can very comfortably live with."

Then the notion of animal rights is ridiculed, "...it is absolutely hopeless to try to invest animals with 'rights'..."

After all, where do the rights of animals stop? Everything must be in terms of the rights of humans... "...issues involving animals are all human rights issues." So it follows that, "The abolition of vivisection must be demanded as protection against disease, death and financial ruin, because human beings have the right not to be murdered and/or robbed."

And why shouldn't animals be used for food? This is what we're told; "The abolition of using animals for food, again, must be demanded on the right of human beings to be protected against disease, death and financial ruin." (Let's see if I've got this right - we're supposed to persuade someone not to eat fish, not because it's bad for the fish, but because it'll give the person a tummy-ache or an overdraft.)

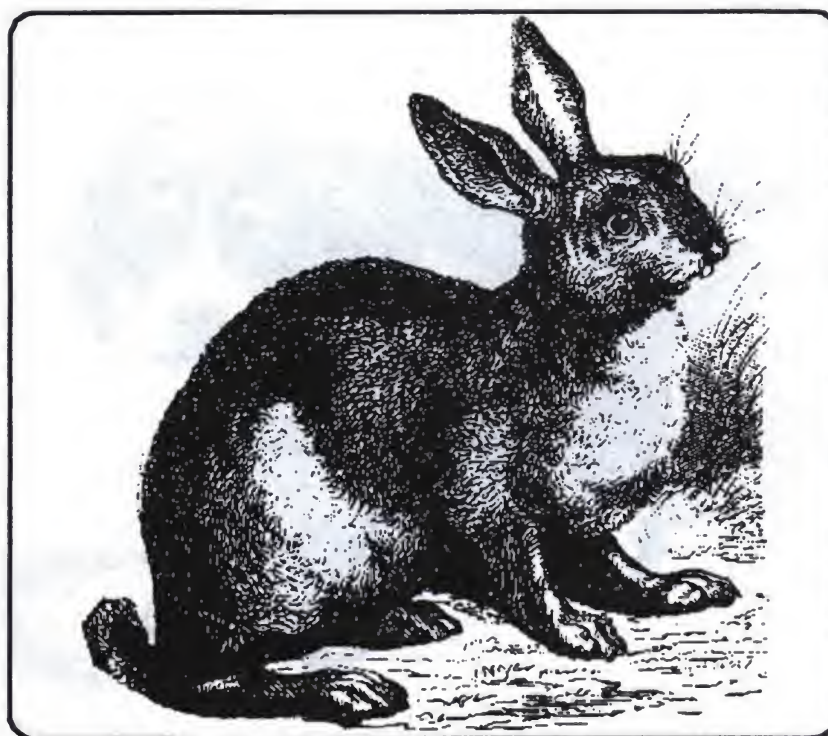
For some reason the writer even attempts to inflate the scale of vivisection by claiming that "factory-farming and vivisection ... consume 99.99% of all animals" between them. (Somewhat doubtful if you think about it, but we know what he means!) Since about 200 times more animals are "consumed" by the food industry than the vivisection industry, a more detailed breakdown looks something like this: Food - 99.49% of animals used; Vivisection - 0.5% of animals used. Amazing what you can do with statistics isn't it?

So how do we abolish hunting, zoos, fur coats or circuses? We're told, "The abolition... must be fought on the well-known fact that violence begets violence." And of course these activities cause, "untenable psychological torture to... human beings" who have to witness the atrocities, and "...human beings have the right to be protected against (such) torture." Just a

minute! Animals ought not to be abused because some humans don't want them to be abused? Follow that line and we'll soon be discussing ethics, perhaps even Animal Rights!

The article finishes by claiming that most "animal rights", "animal protection" and "anti-vivisection" organisations have been infiltrated to an "incredible degree", although by whom is not stated, but once more the aim of the infiltration is apparently to ensure that vivisection continues unhindered.

So the SUPRESS article can be summarised as follows: The primary concern is human health and human wealth. Animal rights diverts our attention from the biggest threat to humans, namely vivisection, but if you're concerned



about animals being used for food, sport, or entertainment don't worry - these things are all bad for you too - so they'll have to stop as well!

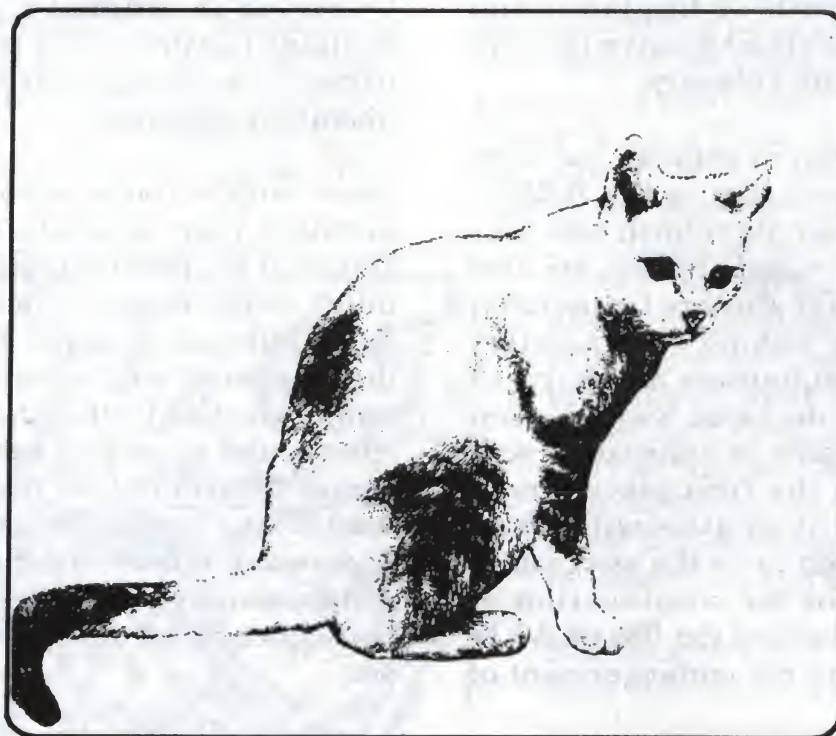
In the past, I've often been accused of "missing the point" about vivisection, the point being that vivisection is a medical/scientific/establishment fraud. "Of course we care about animals, but it's the fraud that matters," they say. I could reply that of course I care about the fraud, but it's the animals that matter. The fraud is perpetrated against you and me. The agony is suffered by the animals. And I do know about the fraud. In 1977, my son nearly died minutes after birth. His oesophagus (food pipe) hadn't developed properly and he was choking to death as saliva began to fill his lungs. His mother had been prescribed progestogen to prevent miscarriage. No-one told us that the American Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) had deemed progestogens ineffective for that purpose three years earlier. No-one mentioned either that two years earlier the FDA warned that, "...progestational hormones should not be used in early pregnancy for any purpose. Such use of these sex hormones may seriously damage the foetus..." Congenital abnormalities, including oesophageal defects, had already occurred in Britain, but no-one bothered to tell us that either. Sixteen years later my son is fit and well, and I have nothing but contempt for an industry which pushes poisons for profit to an unsuspecting public.

I want to end with a few points that have occurred to me, and if any "SAV's" intend to write in response to this article, perhaps they could help me by addressing them?

I've been told many times that, "Animal experiments have never worked, and never will work." That kind of statement is fine if you believe that vivisection is solely concerned with the testing of drugs - but it isn't! Weapons research using live animals is vivisection. Animals are shot, blown up, poisoned, burned, irradiated and gassed in the pursuit of "better" weapons. Are you telling me that if a pig is shot with a new design of bullet it will tell nothing of what it would do to a human? And when General Motors used pigs in "crash tests", were they stopped by claims of "scientific unreliability" or moral outrage? And when the USA and USSR spent billions of dollars and roubles launching dogs and monkeys into space was it done for the perverted pleasure of the scientists or to find out whether humans could survive in an unknown environment? I deplore all these activities - but if vivisection is the "use of live animals for scientific research" then these are examples of vivisection. Someone

will probably argue that none of these examples predict exactly what would happen to a human, but that is not the point. If a new bullet explodes every time inside the pig instead of passing straight through then it'll probably do something similar to a human. If one shape of steering wheel causes pigs more severe internal injuries than another then it is likely to be more dangerous for humans too. If cosmic rays passing through the space capsule don't harm the monkeys or dogs, they probably won't affect humans either. These are not certainties, but you try telling the perpetrators that they have learned absolutely nothing... Perhaps the key point here is that these kinds of vivisection are unlikely to invoke the public's self-interest - the "SAV's" sole means of getting them abolished.

The second point is prompted by the CIVIS literature. I want to know why is it impossible to believe that someone who once experimented on animals or who practised conventional medicine is able to "see the error of their ways" and become opposed to vivisection? Are you also suspicious of vegans who once ate meat? And mightn't an ex-Master of Foxhounds prove invaluable to an anti-bloodsports organisation, or is it a case of once a hunter always a hunter?



My final point concerns the "SAV's" paranoid pre-occupation with infiltrators and conspiracies. Not only is the entire animal rights movement apparently misguided, it is being deliberately sabotaged by an evil bunch of ex-vivisectioners who are probably in the pay of the medical establishment. So here's a thought for you. If I were the "Animal Abuse Establishment" this is what I'd do to destroy the opposition: I'd set up an organisation and ensure that its philosophy was human-centred and unsympathetic to the plight of animals. It

would have to have a narrow focus such as vivisection to enable it to attack the aims and tactics of the remainder of the movement. It would need a charismatic leader to attract "followers" who follow not question. And finally it would attempt to discredit anyone who appears to be in a position to influence the movement. Tongue-in-cheek? Mischievous? Of course! I don't subscribe to conspiracy theories...

I said at the outset that I am opposed to vivisection in all its forms, and I have nothing but respect and admiration for anyone who fights for its abolition. Providing, that is, that they do nothing to damage the common cause - the end of animal abuse in all its forms. I've appealed for unity before. I do so again.



Violence Not the Way

by the "Band of Mercy"

The issue of violence and the endangerment of human 'physical wellbeing' has recently returned to the debating tables of the animal liberation movement. This has come about because of the revival of the Animal Rights Militia (ARM). The Spring 1993 issue of the Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group newsletter informs us of two recent ARM actions. Firstly, the now infamous Christmas contamination action taken against Boots' stores in the South of England; and secondly the planting of an 'intricate explosive device' within Birmingham University in late February.

The reaction of the movement so far, in general, has been one of open condemnation. Especially as the ARM's policy seems to have changed since its rebirth and they now, besides targeting individual animal abusers, are also targeting those who support animal abusers financially. One would assume that the logic behind such a policy change is that the animal abuse supporters are guilty of animal cruelty by association - in the same way a person who buys and wears a fur coat is guilty of association with those who killed the animals in the first place, and a person who shops in Boots is guilty of association with those who vivisect for Boots. In both cases the associate is providing the financial means for the continuation of animal cruelty. The justification behind the use of ARM type tactics is that in the short term the endangerment of physical wellbeing obtains results.

In 1986, in Australia, the 'Brisbane ARM' managed to have millions of pounds worth of meat destroyed after they claimed a major contamination action against the meat industry. The contaminant in this action was claimed to be rat poison. But as the Brisbane action showed (as other similar actions have shown) there was a public outcry with condemnation coming from all quarters. Yet despite this condemnation, these actions, that risk harm to human well-being, continue. In America, in November 1988, Fran Trutt was arrested for carrying a remote control for detonating some explosives, and two weapons were later found in Fran's New York apartment. She was sentenced for attempted murder. Many people, following Fran's sentence, thought that would be the end to the issue of violence. Yet it wasn't.

In 1990, in England, two car bombs exploded under the vehicles of the vivisectionists Margaret Baskerville and

Patrick Headley. Neither of these vivisectionists were hurt, but in the Patrick Headley incident, a young child was injured by flying shrapnel. Again these actions received widespread condemnation from both outside and within the movement. The hostile feelings towards 'animal rights campaigners' at the time was so great that a number of local people felt they could no longer remain calling themselves 'animal rights' groups and changed their names to either animal concern, welfare or protection. Following the explosions anyone who admitted to believing in 'animal rights' was suddenly labelled a militant terrorist who went around trying to 'blow up babies' - an image that still hasn't truly left the animal liberation movement.

Now, with activists who advocate violence, no one can question their dedication to desiring the end to animal abuse. It is clear that anyone who is prepared to face so much condemnation must be totally committed to the animal liberation cause. However, we MUST question, in the long term, will violence achieve its wielder's intended aims? Certainly the short term result is that of some spectacular economic sabotage. The image of a burnt out car on the front of all the newspapers is most certainly a hard hitting picture. But what of the long term effects? To understand this we must examine the specific effects that certain actions will bring. To do this, we shall examine the consequences of three possible scenarios. These scenarios are;

- 1) The assassination of a vivisectionist.
- 2) The poisoning of goods derived from animal abuse.
- 3) The armed hijacking of a lorry.

The first scenario, of an assassination of a vivisectionist, seems to be a popular concept with those who support violence. Indeed upon the announcement that it wouldn't be until 1988 that a European ban of cosmetic animal testing would take place (and even that, thanks to Britain's Baroness Denton, may now not happen) it was suggested that the current 'non-violent' tactics for achieving animal liberation are too slow and that it was time for 'dead vivisectionist number one'. But say a vivisectionist was shot, what would the results be? In the short term, following the assassination of a vivisectionist, a climate of fear would arise within the vivisectionists' quarters. There would also be a wholehearted condemnation of the actions and some centralist groups would claim 'the anti-vivisection movement has been set back fifty years'. This would of

course not be true and would be highly self defeating, yet it always happens. But what of the long term effects? Well, one could theorise that overall the movement would receive a bad name (again) and we would be able to recruit fewer members. Also, one would imagine, the climate of fear within the vivisectors' quarters would soon turn into that of a siege mentality and make them even more resolved to torture and murder innocent animals (which of course would be nothing new). But the main long-term effect, as we have already stated, would be a reduction in the gaining of new recruits (plus the fact that activists, when caught, would face longer prison sentences which might even be used by the state as show trials).

The second scenario we shall discuss is that of the 'de facto' poisoning of goods. The contamination of goods, whose subsequent use could harm the physical well-being of the purchaser, would also receive widespread condemnation. We could expect the usual hysterical reaction from the centralist groups who would claim, with some unfounded quote, that the movement has been set back a number of years. But despite that, the short term effect would be the destruction of thousands, maybe even millions, of pounds worth of goods. However, the long term effects could be even more harmful than the assassination of a vivisector. With any poisoning campaign the organisers run three risks (besides the obvious one of being caught that is). The first risk is that the claim won't be taken seriously and the selling of contaminated goods takes place. The second risk is that some of the contaminated goods may be missed and they

are subsequently sold. The third risk is that the police may deliberately under-react (as they have done with the I.R.A. bomb threats before now) claiming that any warning was not concise and deliberately misleading. Thus the authorities may well allow an incident to occur to discredit the animal liberation movement and justify an overkill clampdown. **LET US MAKE NO MISTAKE IN THIS POINT**, if any member of the public is genuinely harmed by a contamination action the police would use it as a perfect opportunity to perform an overkill. Every known animal liberation campaigner, hunt sab, prisoner supporter or whoever, would be rounded up for a show trial. Regardless of these peoples' innocence, they will be issued with long prison sentences. In the aftermath of such an action, and egged on by the state-run media, the public would be so hostile towards 'animal rights' that convictions would be guaranteed. Thus fewer campaigners would be 'out on the street' and new recruits would be hard to find, and an overall smaller movement would emerge.

The third and final scenario that this paper shall be looking at is that of the possible results of performing an armed hijack. We can take it as read that there would be widespread condemnation of the action, but besides that, the short-term effects would be of the companies having their insurance policies go up and they would be forced into employing extra security guards to ensure the safe passage of their vehicles. Thus an armed hijack would appear to be a good form of economic sabotage (drivers may also cease to work for an animal abuse company, fearing for their physical well-being). But in a prolonged campaign of this sort, the authorities would very quickly set up the use of decoy lorries containing armed marksmen/women. Already we have seen a situation where one member of the Wickham Four, at the time of their arrest, had a rifle placed to their head. And very recently when an alleged A.L.F. activist was arrested in Northern Ireland, the arrest was performed by eight armed R.U.C. officers. So it is not inconceivable that such strong-arm tactics will be used again and surely they must.

But back to the scenario. Once the decoy lorry had been intercepted by the hijackers, the authorities would have no hesitation in shooting the activists DEAD! The S.A.S. has already shot a number of suspected I.R.A. members dead, in similar decoy manoeuvres, so we could expect the same thing to happen to animal liberation activists. If animal liberation activists were shot, there might be a public outcry with some opposition M.P.'s calling for a public enquiry into the shooting (as has happened whenever the S.A.S. have shot members of the I.R.A.) but the overall result is the same; dedicated activists would be dead.

So, this discussion paper has shown, the use of violence can, we feel, only lead to a recruitment problem; a smaller animal liberation movement; longer prison sentences; a Government clampdown on the animal liberation movement and even the possibility of dead activists.

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No Compromise

by Rabbix

Let me start off by saying that I am an abolitionist. Speciesism and the destruction of our planet are wrong. Like many others, I want to see Speciesism abolished. Yet there is an alarming trend within the movement, at the moment, that shies away from such feelings. In the last issue of the S.A.R.P. newsletter its editors announced it had failed. Failed because rather than making people angry about animal abuse and wanting to FIGHT for REAL change, all they had managed to really do was to sell a load of T-shirts. People in the movement today seem to be wanting compromise rather than real change. Take the General Motors/Vauxhall campaign. Was this a success or failure? Most people would say it was a success. I SAY IT WAS A FAILURE. Look at the facts. At the end of 1992 EVERYONE was taking part in the anti-G.M. campaign. Local groups, national groups, A.L.F. cells, P.E.T.A. in America, European groups such as our friends in the Sweden Djurens Befrielse Front. Absolutely EVERYONE. The movement took on a major car company and change started to occur. The barbaric 'crash tests' involving animals were stopped. "Excellent. Great result!" I hear you cry. But what about the toxicity testing? Has that also stopped? Oh no, that goes on. "Well it's the law," the car company cries. "Don't worry about that. We have a good compromise!" the national groups shout. Good? Good for who? Good for the budgets of the national groups? Yes! But is it good for the animals still being poisoned in the 'toxicity tests'? NO! Do we really want to be part of a 'movement' that puts money before lives? The fact was, we had them on the run. But rather than 'going in for the kill' and forcing them to press for a change in the law (and if there had been a change in the law ALL the car companies would have followed suit for fear they would be the next to be targeted) we let them off with a "compromise". WE LET THE ANIMALS DOWN. WE SOLD OUT. ANIMALS STILL SUFFER AND DIE AT THE HANDS OF GENERAL MOTORS AND IT IS OUR FAULT. But at least some people are happy FOOLING THEMSELVES that it was a victory.

Recently in The Vegan (Summer 1993) Doctor Robert

Garner states that the "fundamentalist view is misguided" and will not work. He states we cannot say it's an "all or nothing" situation and change comes gradually. This is true. It is better for a goldfish to be kept in a large tank than in a pickle jar (some animal rights prisoners will know what I'm referring to there - Chris, what you did was the right thing and I salute you for it). Okay, ideally we would want the fish to be returned to the sea/river. But if that option is not available it is better to have the fish moved to a large tank, rather than leave them in a pickle jar. But we must not lose sight of our real aim, ANIMAL LIBERATION. Yes, okay, get to the half-way stage AND THEN press for the full way. But we must ALWAYS press for the FULL change. What we must not do is be 'bought off' by compromises. We must ALWAYS aim for the abolitionist stance, for if we don't then what? Compromises on the compromises? IF WE REALLY WANT ANIMAL LIBERATION WE HAVE TO KNOW OUR AIMS. WE MUST FIGHT FOR THOSE AIMS. AND WE MUST STICK TO THOSE AIMS.

"No more compromises. No more lies. Every six seconds, an animal dies!"

"If YOU don't act, then YOU condone...If YOU don't fight, then YOU don't win".

ESTATE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

In Arkangel No 9 there is an advertisement by a security firm under the name of Estate Management Services who offer protection against hunt saboteurs. It should be noted that their real(?) name is "Olympic International" and that they are based at:

*Higher Common Road, Higham, Barnsley.
Another telephone number is 0226 388460.*

Stop the Nightmare Journeys to Europe

by Lillian Buckner

This trade in misery and suffering has continued unabated for 25 years due mainly to public apathy. It was halted for a brief period in 1973-75, then the M.O.A. gave assurances that with the resumption of the trade in 1975 conditions would be improved. The situation hasn't changed. The RSPCA has a damning dossier on the shipment of animals across Europe. In all these years the situation has never improved but has worsened markedly.

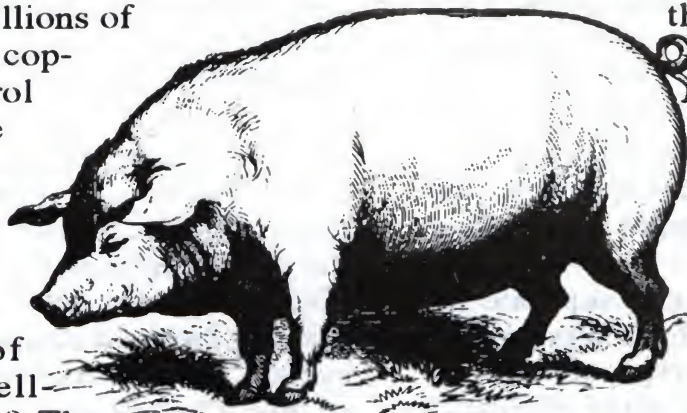
A recent newspaper article suggested that new rules were planned to end the cruel treatment of animals being shipped to the continent and that maximum times would be set for feeding, watering and rest, the number of animals which can be carried, and the types of vehicles and standards of vehicles. Apparently there are going to be different time limits for different species; that is, pigs will get less time before feeding and watering intervals, lactating cows will get 12 to 15 hours, but sheep will be forced to travel for 24 hours before feeding and watering after which they will continue their journey. If and when these so-called improvements come into force they will be of no benefit to the millions of animals concerned. It's a con, it's a cop-out. Rules and regulations to control suffering are totally unacceptable as they are nothing more than excuses for perpetuating this trade. Rules and regulations will never eliminate the fear, terror, stress and brutality. What rule will stop the appalling suffering of animals incarcerated in these hell-wagons in searing temperatures? The sickening journey from Perth to Spain remains the same. The animals are not in a position to appreciate such niceties as 'design of vehicle' and 'non-slippery floor'. We must ensure they are free from fear, pain and terror.

This trade is one of callous indifference and brutality. Terrified, exhausted, hungry, thirsty and injured animals are kicked and beaten, pulled and thrown from high ramps. They are poked with sharp instruments, electrically goaded or dragged by their tails along the floor. Battering, bruising and brutality are all part and parcel of this revolting trade. If and when these new regulations come into being, thousands of calves will still be shipped from such places as Gloucester and Sturminster Newton to be incarcerated in the cruel veal crates of Holland or Belgium. Many of these tiny creatures are imprisoned at only 7 days old, then at 6 months they can barely stagger to their deaths.

A video taken undercover earlier this year at Sturminster and other markets showed the appalling treatment meted out to calves before they start their harrowing journey to the continent, not to mention the treatment of the other animals at markets. Many thousands of animals are

brutally slaughtered in front of one another. They are suspended by one leg while the slaughtermen callously slit their throats. Many animals struggle in vain for two minutes afterwards, often helplessly trying to raise their heads. The British raise them, the British transport them and ship them to the continent and all this is sanctioned by the British Government. As long as the British people sit by and do nothing it will continue. We in the animal rights movement are the voices of these animals and we must make ourselves heard. We must continue to inform the public of the atrocities committed so casually, through leaflets and videos that are available. But most importantly we hope every group throughout the country will start their own campaigns against those involved in this filthy trade. It is evident that unless more pressure is brought to bear we will not see an end to the trade in this century or the next.

N.O.W. will be co-ordinating a nationwide campaign against the hauliers of live exports. We are looking for a sustained campaign of peaceful pickets throughout the country. We hope that



animal rights groups everywhere will support this campaign. I believe the poet Benjamin Zephaniah's message of support to N.O.W. at the National March and Rally in London in May sums up the whole issue of the trade in live exports, "What kind of people can hear the animals crying and say they feel no pain? What kind of people can witness thousands of animals

dead on arrival and claim the transportation of these animals is humane? What we are fighting for is not just the rights of animals, we are fighting to save the world from a 'Human Beings Rule OK' society, a new world order where nothing matters unless you make a profit. The issue of the transportation of animals is as important and as relevant as the transportation of those who were called slaves. That is why I support N.O.W. and its struggle to ban live exports and this is why I appeal to all of you here today to keep up the fight and to use all reasonable means to achieve our goal. If this does not work we will use any means necessary."

Tony Benn MP, speaking on TV recently on another issue said, "History is made by ourselves, not by the great and good." We must fight against injustice to those unable to defend themselves. We must ensure this trade belongs to the history books.

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Boycott Boycotts?

by Stephen Dobson.

It seems to me that almost every month I see a leaflet demanding that this company or that company must be boycotted. It is not only the animal rights movement which seems to be obsessed with boycotts at the moment. Environmental and other world-changing groups have also, in my opinion, poured far too many resources into campaigns centred around boycotting.

A major criticism of the principle of boycotting must be - how far should it be taken? When I first became aware of the extent of animal exploitation by some companies, there seemed to be a perfectly simple solution - do not buy products produced by those companies until they change their policy on animal rights. Easy? It seemed so until I began to find out that many of these companies were so big that they owned many other smaller companies, as well as many brand names. I now found myself in the position of having to not only boycott the original company, but also its brand names, subsidiary companies, and indeed their brand names. (Nestle has over fifty different brand names, not including L'oreal and their products which it also owns.) This would still have been relatively easy had it been only one company which exploited animals. However, all of the major multinational companies are guilty of animal abuse, as are many of the other reasonably sized companies.

I think that my biggest problem in trying to separate the good companies from the bad ones was that I was looking at the whole issue from the narrow perspective of the animal rights movement. Surely when deciding whether a company is ethical or not it is necessary to consider the damage that company is doing as a whole - how it treats the environment, its workers in terms of decent pay and working conditions, does it exploit animals, does it support human rights violations, does it support the arms trade, etc.? It became more and more obvious that the world's problems were not simply the result of individual companies with bad investments and unethical policies, but the whole money system based on capitalist notions.

The same principle which legitimises vivisection and the meat trade encourages company bosses to exploit workers through low wages and dangerous working conditions, and that principle is profit before and above anything else. Capitalism needs this principle to survive and surely this is why those in society with little power, be they human or animal, get such a bad deal.

It is this holistic notion which makes boycotts a totally useless weapon in the struggle for change.

This idea takes me back to my original point - that is, how far should boycotting be taken? Why should we bother to boycott one arm of capitalism in the form of say, Unilever, when we buy our baked beans from Sainsbury, which is simply another arm. Are we then to buy from neither

Sainsbury or Unilever, nor from any shop mentioned in the many ethical consumer guides? This would be difficult as all products within the money system are tarred with the same brush, that is, they help to ultimately maintain the capitalist system - the system which encourages profit above anything else, and therefore the abuse of human and animal rights. This is as true if you spend your money at the local health food shop or at Asda. It might make you feel better not shopping at Asda but does it change anything? A good... *(unfortunately, the last line of the first page of Stephen's photocopied text wasn't reproduced - so you'll have to guess this bit!)* ...are directed straight back into campaigning work on a wide variety of issues. This is of course great. However, to make the burgers cheap enough to sell, the burger mix has to be bought from a company big enough to sell cheap mix. This company is by no means sound, so to follow the logic of boycotts, the co-op I work for should be boycotted. Presumably the only reason why it is escaping a boycott is because there are bigger targets at present. Does this logic make sense? Can the whole system ever be boycotted even if millions more people want to?

Another major fault with boycotting is that, not only doesn't it do any good, it actually does harm in that it reinforces the capitalist system. It does this by transferring the profit margins from one product to another. It allows companies to create the illusion of compassion without making any real changes. Any choice within the present system is a win for capitalism. There are many examples of this: The first boycott campaign I became aware of was organised by the Anti-Apartheid movement against Barclays Bank. As the story goes, Barclays eventually decided to disinvest in South Africa. It is unclear whether this as a result of the boycott campaign or not but, all in all, it turned out to be a very shallow victory. It soon became clear that Barclays had stopped short of complete disinvestment in South Africa, and also, whilst the campaign had been running, the biggest winners were the other three big banks who picked up Barclays dissatisfied customers - and quietly got on with their own amoral investments.

Ironically, at that time I tried to do the ethical thing and put my money into a building society. I later found out that, of course, the building society was owned by Barclays Bank. The whole campaign against Barclays focused on the single issue of apartheid. It did not address any of the other ethical problems linked with Barclays and, of course, when the boycott was called off, Barclays was seen to have been cleansed and it was once again acceptable to bank with them.

Another good example was the campaign launched by an environmental group entitled, "Don't buy your fish from a butcher". This called for a boycott of certain brands of tuna fish because the tuna were being caught in massive

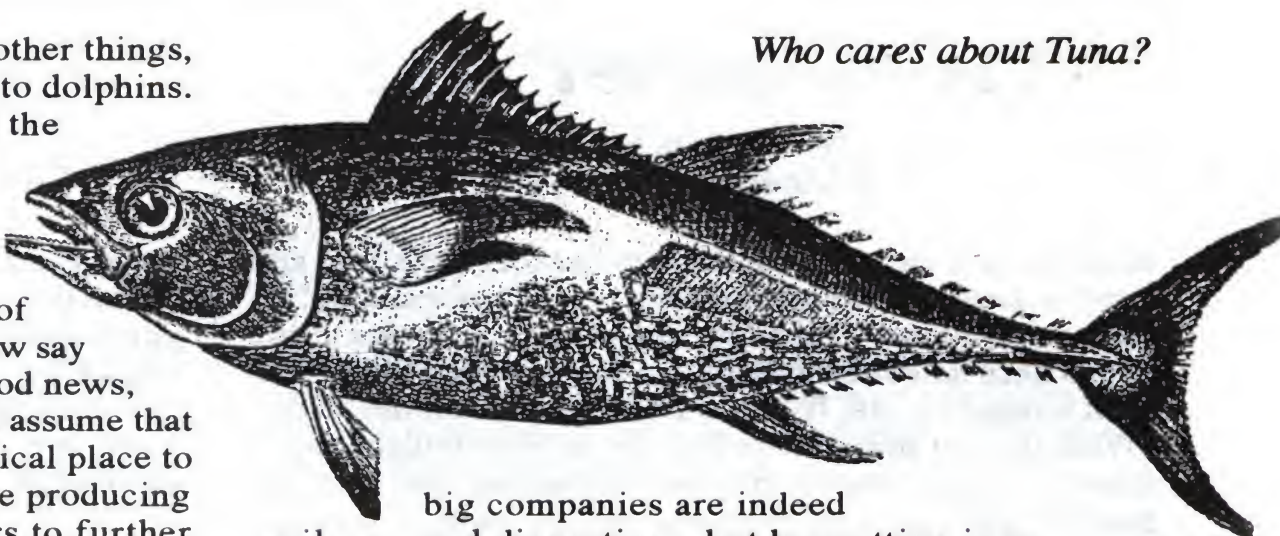
drift nets which also trap and kill, amongst other things, dolphins. The single issue here was cruelty to dolphins. Not once did anyone mention the plight of the tuna fish. The clear implication was that it is acceptable to kill tuna fish, but not dolphins.

A final example is the recent campaign against General Motors concerning the use of live animals in crash tests. General Motors now say they no longer do this. This is, of course, good news, but the boycott has now stopped and we must assume that GM are very pleased to be considered an ethical place to shop again. Presumably GM will not now be producing thousands of un-needed and unwanted cars to further pollute and destroy the planet, presumably at all of the factories owned by GM the workers are treated with dignity and respect? And how many thousands of people all over the world are going to be killed by cars made by GM?

All boycotting can do is, firstly, infer that companies not being boycotted are all right, and secondly, give those under scrutiny a chance to make tiny cosmetic changes and then be accepted as ethical companies.

Whilst this article might seem very negative, it is not meant to be that way, and I also want to say that I do not want to see lots of people rushing out to McDonalds to buy a large coke. I simply do not want to see people putting money and effort into campaigns which I believe can never work. At the same time, there are certain restaurants I would never eat in and certain shops I would never shop in. I don't like them, don't feel comfortable in them, and don't want to have anything to do with them. At the same time I don't believe this will bring about their downfall. I am not trying to get people to dilute their hatred of big companies. What I am trying to say is that

Who cares about Tuna?



big companies are indeed
evil and disgusting - but boycotting is no
way to fight them.

It would be nice to end this article with an easy solution to a difficult problem. I am unable to do that - which is perhaps another problem with boycotting. It looks like the perfect solution - if enough people do not buy this or that, then the financial effect will force change. The problem is, we all have to live, we all have to buy things to survive, and all we do by boycotting is give our support to a friendlier face of the same evil system. Easy solutions can only solve easy problems and that is why they do not solve the problems people face when striving for a better world. It is too big a problem to be solved in such a simplistic way. We should be looking for ways to actually cost big companies money and profit, rather than helping to displace profit from one company to another. But to get into that argument would be to advocate illegal acts...

A popular saying used to be that animals don't need bigger cages or longer chains - but no cages and no chains. All boycotting can do is lengthen the chains and widen the bars on the cages. We must want more than that?

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Be Careful!

by Annette Tibbles

Richard and I have just sat through our four week trial and hope to pass onto everyone some of the information we have come across. This is not intended to be a scare story, but to help us better understand the way that the police treat animal rights. If you asked a person on the street, "What do you think the police spend their budgets on?" most would say that the biggest expense was the IRA and murder cases. Few would guess that in some parts of the country the next area is animal rights! However, there is a special unit working out of Scotland Yard, called the Animal Rights National Index (ARNI). Their task is to gather large amounts of information on individuals. When, during our trial, it became clear that they were doing a much better job of it than we had ever imagined, I decided to try to establish their sources of information and how they use it.

So far, the police have indexes, vehicles and telephone numbers. It is quite shocking to find they have 21,000 names on the index. Each person's sheet runs like this. Name, address, date of birth, schooling, job, phone number, other numbers such as passport and bank accounts, aliases used, physical description with updates if it changes (ie. haircuts), contact with police, sightings on demos or hunts, people standing next to the subject or travelling together, vehicles registered to subject and other vehicles driven, associates and friends, membership of organisations and past record of convictions.

Obviously, the more contact the police have had with you the larger the file. But the more active you are, for instance sabbing, demos and friends involved in campaigning, the more likely is the chance of them having something on your file. They use this information to build up an idea of who knows who and how strong their involvement is. So the areas we should be particularly careful about are addresses and vehicles. Perhaps go through your address book and rewrite without using surnames and area (s.t.d.) codes. That will confuse them if they ever get their hands on it! If you can, use hired vehicles on demos and register your car at a different address, or better still all use the same address. Another area to be careful about is the type of literature you keep in your house - if the prosecution holds it up in court it takes on a completely different perspective.

During our court case they used household items - plastic bottles, sellotape, candles - to try and say they could be used to make incendiary devices. It shows you how single minded they can be, not to see the innocence of these things. Be wary of new people asking stupid questions, and be aware that whenever you join an organisation the police know about it, from BUAV to ALFSG. Another area is telephones, houses and cars - treat them as bugged. I sincerely hope that this helps people to build up a healthy paranoia. I am not intending to scare people into stopping going to demos or any other activities, but I hope this gives us a better understanding of how intensely the police are acting out their Big Brother role. And I pass the message on to everyone - be careful.

Apathy Kills

by Sam Remington

Have you ever thought of time in terms of animals lives? If you don't I'd guess it's about time you did because the party games are over. The clock ticks on as the silent suffering continues. Are you prepared to resist the persecution? Or will you simply witness it as if it were a tragic play and only shed tears to make up for your own inactivity?

Let's face it - apathy and self-importance deny animals the freedom they deserve time after time but when will it stop? Is Special Brew and rave your idea of taking responsibility for the crimes perpetrated by our own race? Are those who 'don't feel as strongly' merely adopting the easy route and lifting the burden on to someone else's shoulders? Is 'doing your bit' a hangover impaired effort at the occasional demonstration? I think not because animal liberation is about action and not having a laugh at the animals' expense.

There are also those who see fit to support one liberation cause and fail to incorporate the emancipation of animals alongside it. They know who they are and they are only kidding themselves. People often prefer to switch off from the horror, but as Cassius Clay once put it, "You can run but you can't hide." Many may regard my attitude as over-the-top but let's put it this way - if apathy was non-existent I wouldn't have had to bother with this article. The fact is however, organisations such as SARP are threatened with closure as a result of this stupidity and many more will undoubtedly follow unless we pull together and act.

To finish off, I ask you, is it acceptable that those who care are behind bars while those fortunate enough to possess their freedom waste it doing next to nothing? How much longer will this sad state of affairs continue? Their future is in our hands and we can change it. We don't need any more excuses, we know who the enemy is so let's act and fight.....NOW!



"The revolution has been postponed...
We've discovered a leak."

Animal Rights and the Easy Option

by Black Sheep

Campaigners for the rights of women and of the ethnic minorities in this country have got to be admired for the progress they have made in their respective causes. Of course, they'd be the first to point out - and I'd be the first to concede - that they've still got a long way to go; but what they have already managed to achieve, in the old, hard struggle to open/change minds of the 'great British Public', is nothing short of phenomenal, especially when you consider the relatively short time-span concerned.

When I was growing up, in the 60's and 70's, it seemed that little had advanced on those fronts since the time of the abolition of slavery and women getting the vote. Black people were still regarded as alien and inferior; women were thought of as being next-to-nothing (completely negligible outside of their 'traditional' roles as 'chattels'). These atrocious attitudes were not only perfectly 'respectable', they were the norm.

By the end of the '80's, however, things had changed a great deal for the better, thanks to the campaigners. By this time, it was the people who held those views who seemed to be in the minority - alien, primitive and 'negligible'. The change in attitudes had been so marked that further, far-reaching legislation came unavoidably.

As I've already pointed out, I'm very much aware that these causes haven't by any means reached the ends of their roads yet. Prejudice is still disproportionately strong where it does most harm - particularly in the workplace, government and the most deprived levels of society. But it's still not a bad distance to have covered in twenty or so years. What have we in the animal rights movement managed to achieve in that same span of time?

Exactly.

It can, of course, be argued - and with good reason - that the comparative success of the 'equal rights' movements has more than a little to do with the fact that they are campaigning for the rights of fellow human beings. Fighting for women's rights, it could be said, will

automatically get half the population on your side - and no-one in this country is seriously going to argue back, any more, that there are 'grades' of human beings who merit different grades of treatment.

Convincing human beings (by which I mean junk-cultured, McDonalds- munching, scientist-worshipping Konsumers) that other species are worthy of equal respect is a much harder task - especially when (and this is another point of difference) to do so means them having to make a large number of personal, practical, fundamental changes to their lives; what they eat, what they wear, what they buy, who they trust to deal with their health, and so on, as well as what jobs and businesses they should allow to exist.

Nevertheless, I believe that looking at the campaigning strategies of these movements can teach us a thing or two about how to go about things, especially in that we have 'twice' the job to do.

The most important lesson we can learn, it seems to me, is a political one: work from within. No group (unless it has an army behind it) can change society from an isolated position 'outside' of it. It's no good occupying the moral high ground and trying to persuade people they should come up and join you. The equal rights movements made sure that the moral high ground was set up everywhere - in the media, the office, the factory and the home; they forced people to face the issues, talk about them, make their choice and made them feel like social lepers if they got it wrong.

The Animal Rights movement has 'tried' to do that, but in such a wishy-washy sort of way that its effects have been far weaker than should have been the case. We have also, in my opinion, made several mistakes which have made sure that the issues have never reached deeply enough into the British social 'psyche' to be 'un-ignorable' in the same way that sexism and racism are.

The equal rights movements managed to achieve this because they realised they had to be deliberately 'populist'. Now, before you reach for your guns, I want to stress immediately that by Populist I do NOT mean the "don't upset anyone" compliance and compromise adopted by so many of our 'Nationals'. I am talking about its dictionary definition: "claiming to represent the whole of the population".

The equal rights campaigners NEVER had the mental attitude of people who hold a "minority belief". They worked on the assumption / knowledge that their causes were self-evidently



right to the vast majority of the population and deliberately set out to 'corner' everyone into admitting it. They did this by **bombarding** us with the issues, encapsulated in jargon, until everyone was forced to face them and decide where they stood. That way, the fact that it was their **opposition** who were in the minority was highlighted and emphasised, to the point where it was **they** who became isolated, and hardly dare open their mouths.

One of the main ways in which they managed to do this was to use the old trick of labelling and pigeonholing - for which we have always been suckers. Each of the movements managed, as outlined above, to encapsulate their issues into an easily swallowed form: the buzz words "racism" and "sexism". They repeated the words to us ad nauseam (even to those who sympathised), but in reality they were quite readily accepted by the ever-lazy British public as the easiest of tools with which to pass on the message to others. How many times did you hear an argument actually **concluded** with the magic words, "Oh, that's just sexist" or "You're just a racist."

The fact that these labels were weighted with pejorative associations of, respectively, women-hating / sexual insecurity and Fascism / genocide meant that everywhere (and I mean **everywhere**) such arguments took place, the conclusion of the argument was already decided before it took place. Out with the magic words and the opposition are left with nothing further to say, except to feebly try to deny the label.

These simple words managed to do the job because the use of them manipulated certain common characteristics of people within this society: laziness, the taboo factor, fear of non-acceptance, etc. Pretty soon, the herd were all following this lead; few daring to contemplate disagreement. The introduction of these words even managed to oust a few old ones from the thesaurus. It may not seem much on the face of it, but when a movement can actually alter the **language**, it is a sure sign that it is really getting somewhere.

This use of words is a strong weapon, but it is also indicative of the strong position of the groups who used them. What I've described above could never have been done by any movement whose supporters were seen to be **apart** from the society they were trying to influence. I believe that, although our cause **does** have the potential, fundamental sympathy of the majority, our arguments, issues, jargon (Richard Ryder's buzz-word "speciesism/specism") and associated taboos (death camps, holocausts, etc.) have not reached a similarly influential and all-pervading acceptance because we have got ourselves into the position of being perceived as isolated and apart - a fringe concern.

I think there is, specifically, a danger at present of our movement being 'swallowed' by - and being seen to be 'just another part of' - the 'alternative', pagan, New Age counter-culture, call it what you will.

I know that a lot of our support comes from this quarter - and I'm not by any means denigrating it as a movement in its own right - but I still think it's a big step in the wrong direction. There's nothing wrong with this alternative culture - who knows, it may be a blueprint for a much better world, one day, but **one day** is the operative phrase.

If we want radical change as quickly as possible, then we've got to influence as many people as possible. That way, the decision-makers are either influenced in their turn, or they are by-passed. It's as simple as that.

The alternative culture's principles may be spot on, but their power to influence is nil. This is probably because they don't **want** to influence, they just want to be left alone to live as they wish. They want to separate themselves from society; we cannot afford to, for the sake of the animals. We are in the business of **conversion**, not opting out.

Thus, in the here and now, I don't think we can afford the luxury of being identified with

an amorphous, aimless body who, if they survive at all, will have no real sway for many, many years to come; and who, in the meantime, have proved to be a ready target for media scorn and general fear and/or contempt among the people we're trying to change or activate.

I'm afraid, boys and girls, it will mean dropping the uniform: the matted mohicans, the hair dye, the big boots, the torn and dirty battledress, the facial jewellery and all the other unimportant trappings that just make people laugh or curl their lips. The public are **always** on the look-out for the easy option and, if - in their eyes - you just look like some negligible, penniless freak, then they'll treat you like one; a very good excuse not to bother to listen to what you've got to say.

I'll give you some examples:

Our local A/R group recently tried the Boots till protest as described in Arkangel's recent LBAG article. We split into two sections. The first went in dressed fairly ordinarily - not unlike many of the customers there. The reaction to our protest was good - shocked, but very respectful and almost apologetic, as if to say, "Jesus, these are our customers turning against us!" The second group went dressed as they normally do, in the New Age uniform. The reaction was predictably different - "Bloody troublemakers", "Haven't seen those types in here before", "Who gives a shit where a few scruffy Travellers pretend to spend their dole money". First group go in again, and we're back to 'stunned and respectful'.

Similarly, someone who runs a regular city-centre information/fundraising stall recently told me that he had been 'helped out' by a similar bunch of uniforms. He was grateful for their help at first, and he didn't want to piss on the bonfire of their enthusiasm, but finally had to tell them to go because the number of people who came near the

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stall while they were there (and consequently the funds he was trying to raise for re-homing) dropped right through the floor.

Trivial? I don't think so. Nor is it trivial to bear in mind that wearing a uniform makes the police's job of controlling us at demos that much easier. Those of you who were at the Boots demo in Nottingham last November may remember the police trying to let the customers into the main branch of the store, while keeping the protestors out. Only one protestor managed to get in. No prizes for guessing what he was dressed like. Then there's the hunt saboteurs. Would their reputation as violent class-hating thugs (thus keeping down their support) stick for five more minutes if there were a few more tweed coats out there?

Expressions of 'individuality' (if only!) are one thing, but if your vanity means more to you than the animals, then perhaps the nose-rings are more appropriate than you think.

It has to be said that another way in which we have alienated ourselves is the way in which we have handled direct action.

To begin with, we have two main types of direct action; one is the liberation of the animals themselves, which has, by and large, the support of the public. The other is destruction, which definitely does not. It's the second kind I'm talking about here.

When I'm doing my bit among the public on stalls or whatever, I am still getting the monotonous responses, "Are you the ones who poison babyfood / blow up doctors / burn chickens alive?" True or not, mud sticks and the excuse for the easy option is pounced upon once again. The animals become forgotten because it's far easier to talk about terrorism - "we know what to think about that..." "Nothing you have to say can be of any value because you are a racist/sexist" or whatever, can easily be applied to "terrorist" too. Same "end of discussion".

It is true that many movements (including equal/women's rights) have had to use direct action in order to get their causes noticed in the first place. But once the cause was on the political agenda, they had the sense either to drop it or use it with very great care.

In my opinion it's largely a question of scale; the number of people/actions involved. Either everyone does it, or no-one should.

If you can guarantee that the action will be large-scale (riots, for example), then fine, because large-scale actions involving lots of people smack of civil disobedience and revolution, which naturally frightens the crap out of the Powers That Be. If, however, all you can manage is small-scale actions involving just a few night-stalking activists (no matter how many of those actions may be taking place separately) then forget it until such time (if the time comes) that you know there is no other way left open to

you.

On a small scale, it just isolates and ends up as a self-made trap. It allows too many 'easy option' reactions from the public, the press and especially the government; "It's just a few extremist nutters", "We will never give in to terrorists", blah, blah. A good excuse to dismiss the entire A/R issue - just as the IRA provide the perfect excuse to not even consider the 'Irish Question'. Indeed, it seems that terrorism has become the 'Irish Question'.

To conclude. If the Powers That Be care about anything at all, it's about the behaviour of the mass of the ordinary, voting, consuming public. They treat them with contempt, of course, while they behave themselves and put up with it. But nothing frightens them more than when the worm threatens to turn (witness the poll tax riots). Perhaps what we need are a few more actions on the scale of the ALIU, but with the intentions of the ALF. I wonder what the reaction would be to, say, fifty people (looking like ordinary,

respectable, voting consumers of all ages) storming a Boots lab, taking the animals and trashing the place, on account of Boots' policies of animal torture and danger to human health? In broad daylight and in front of the press? The next time, somewhere else, there might be 5,000.

I realise that some of the things I've said here aren't likely to go down well, but all I ask is that you give them some thought. Whatever we do, we must remember that it is absolutely essential that we get through to as many people as possible. And, if the message isn't getting through, then maybe it's the messenger.

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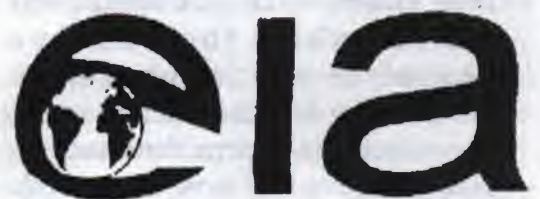
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McCartneys Join Campaign to End Whale Slaughter

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Paul and Linda McCartney, their band and crew, have pledged to support a campaign to end the barbaric slaughter of pilot whales in the Faroe Islands during their NEW WORLD TOUR, which begins in Europe on September 3rd 1993. They were so disgusted by the cruelty and torture inflicted on the whales that they asked to show Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA)

footage of the whale slaughter in a 15 minute video at the beginning of each concert. The Pilot Whale Campaign is run by the EIA, the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS), and the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA). For further information on the Pilot Whale Campaign please contact Gillian Stacey on 071 490 7040 or Hilary Cross on 071 793 0540. Photos and film available.



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World Society for the
Protection of Animals

Don't Be So Superior!

by Zo!

I'm a new subscriber and Arkangel No 9 was the first mag I'd seen. I was depressed by most of the individual articles and encouraged by most of the news. So, for people like Alistair Mullan, this is how I got to Arkangel. The story starts twenty years ago; two things happened: First, I noticed that the climate was changing. Second, I started washing every bit of glass and foil and recycling it. For ten years nothing much else happened. When you get to the end of the week and the cupboard has nothing much in it except jam and flour until the next wage packet there is not a lot else you can do. It's an unfortunate fact but you need cash as well as interest to get involved in campaigns.

Around ten years ago, we finally got into a more secure financial position and I started joining groups. At first it was the high profile ones like WWF, FoE, RSPCA and the like. Reading the magazines etc. from one group led to the names, addresses and areas of interest of others. I also saw some groups work mentioned on TV. The turning point was about two years ago when I joined BUAV, and from them, CIWF. These two organisations changed my life. I simply stopped buying anything tested on animals and I started on the long road to cut down on (and perhaps eventually cut out) meat (the spirit is willing but...). Since joining those two, I've joined others like the Vegetarian Society (as an Associate Member) but I have to say that if I had joined the Vegetarian Society first I doubt if I'd be as committed as I am to trying to give up meat. The reason is that I found reflected there a view that I see also in some articles in Arkangel No 9, namely the assumption of a very unattractive moral 'superiority' by those either already vegetarian or vegan or involved in direct action, or both. The attitude is one of "us" and "them", "we" being the enlightened activists and "them" being the apathetic and ignorant public. So, I have to ask you, what do you want? If you only want to be involved with those already

committed how are you ever going to succeed in what you say that you want, and if you show such contempt for those who still don't know the truth, how are going to 'convert' them? I'm not altogether happy about all the activities of some of the groups I support. Where this is the case, I write and tell them but I also think their work of gathering and distributing information is vital.

If I were able, there are some things I would like to get more involved in. I'd happily fly-post Boots and McDonalds and consider taking more drastic action about a local battery chicken farm. I'm less happy with some of the things ALF activists do. Apart from anything else, I think they are often counter-productive. I can point to my own experience and say that BUAV and CIWF have been effective - can you say the same about smashing the windows of Boots shops? Apart from putting up insurance claims and causing annoyance to the management, can you say that this has actually convinced one single person not to shop at Boots, and after you took the mice out of the lab how long do you think it was before they had more mice and were back doing their filthy business?

There is a case to be made for direct action; for disrupting hunts, for example (if you are brave enough); where animals are suffering now. I can see the temptation to stop it by raiding labs - but it's not the answer in the long term, the only answer is to get public opinion on our side and to change the law where necessary - by using every means to get the truth out. I don't think of myself as being very special but when I found out what they don't want me to know, I stopped being 'apathetic' as your contributors put it and acted - and I believe others will do likewise. Meanwhile, even the most committed have to live in the real world with the rest of the 'sheep'; I see that Arkangel banks with the Co-Op, who sanction 'medical research', so even you have to 'compromise' if you wish to put it that way.

Animal Liberation Investigation Unit Report

Wednesday, 27th January, 1993

Fifteen activists of the ALIU conducted inspections of factory farms and an abattoir in East Sussex. All activists carried a 'statement of intent' and followed a strict code of legal and peaceful conduct. The aim was to gain photographic and video evidence of any breach of the little protection farm animals have by law in this country.

Battery Farm - Polgate

As soon as we arrived, the owner threatened us with a plank of wood and was accompanied by a worker carrying a hammer. Undeterred, activists attempted to gain entry to two units, assuring the now threatening and abusive owner that we would only be a few minutes. Two women were physically thrown out of the unit and down slippery steps. Meanwhile, other activists entered an adjacent unit and managed to get some footage of the filthy and inhumane conditions. The owner then tried to attack an activist who was videoing; attempting to hit him over the head with a plank of wood and had to be physically restrained by another activist. His daughter and friends then turned up, as well as some workers from the Sussex Bacon Company who have their depot at the same site, and we left. It is now apparent that they managed to take the number of our vehicle and called the police. We are taking steps for a private prosecution against the man for threatening behaviour. We observed a vast area including a small stream completely polluted by chicken slurry - way beyond what we believe to be legal - and we have informed the water authorities who have promised to take action. This farm was raided by the ALF in 1991 with the rescue of 64 hens and considerable damage was caused to vans and buildings.

Hailsham Meat Packers

This abattoir in the middle of Hailsham town is only small and advertises a 24 hour casualty collection service. Unfortunately, as soon as we arrived we were spotted by a worker who was in the process of skinning a dead sheep. Footage was taken of offal bins containing legs of animals, etc. Another worker came out and both threatened us and slammed back their gates. We rushed around the corner to try to enter the other entrance; again we were stopped. However, after a comparatively reasonable conversation with one of them, he said we may be allowed a visit but couldn't give permission himself as the owner was in hospital after cutting himself. This will be followed up.

Egypt Farm & Cowbeech

This is a large chicken and pig farm owned by Ross Foods Ltd. Access was gained to a pig unit and footage was taken of the pigs incarcerated there. No bedding was available to the pigs (surely a bit of straw isn't too much to ask for).

They had to contend with freezing conditions in a barren concrete environment, destined to a horrific death in a slaughterhouse. Photos of these poor creatures will be sent to Linda McCartney to show the misery animals endure from a company that profits from her name.

Battery Unit - Polgate

All the doors were padlocked, so access could not be made. It was now dark and a missile was thrown or air gun fired by the owner.

Broiler Unit - Polgate

Entry was gained to two deep litter broiler units, and photographs and video footage were taken of the thousands of chickens held inside. Many were showing signs of defects; for example, weak legs, with some barely able to move at all. However, such barbarity seems to be within the law. On the way home at around 7pm, we were stopped by a police 'prison' van and two squad cars. The police were very threatening and demanded answers to a constant barrage of questions of our recent whereabouts. When asked why we had been stopped they implied we may have been horse molesters! Then they arrested our driver for failing to show his driving licence. However, after explaining just what we had been doing and giving them a statement of intent they became friendly and reasonable. They de-arrested the driver and we went home without further interruptions.

Thursday, 25th February, 1993

Eighteen activists from the ALIU conducted an inspection of animal abuse centres in Sussex. At the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, the group entered the Blonde McIndoe Institute buildings to gather evidence of research. One group entered through the front whilst another climbed onto the roof. Animals that were known to have been held in this animal house had been removed. However, photos were taken of documents relating to cancer research on rats.

Fur Grove Farm, Cross in Hand, East Sussex, is the main office site for Porcellus, who supply rabbits, rats and guinea pigs to labs across the country. One group entered the animal units, the other tried to enter the offices - but they were locked. The group managed to gain entry to a house holding guinea pigs despite the threatening behaviour of two workers. Video footage was taken of the battery-style cages and their occupants, many of whom suffered bald patches and foot sores. Sealed plastic bags were found to contain dead rabbits and guinea pigs. Harlan Porcellus - whose parent company is the international laboratory suppliers, Harlan Olacc - own several sites in East Sussex and the activists planned to inspect another at High Hurstwood, but drove straight past as they were observed by a Portcellus worker.

They then went on to Mayhew Chicken Processing Plant, an abattoir employing hundreds of workers, in Uckfield, East Sussex. Activists crossed a field to film chicken transporters being unloaded whilst others entered a building to photograph and video bins full of dead animals, and workers hosing down bloodstained machinery. A security guard allowed a token activist to inspect the building and useful information was gained. However, whilst the remainder waited outside the main entrance for this person, four police cars suddenly appeared and the group were arrested on suspicion of causing criminal damage at the Cross in Hand plant earlier in the day. No caution was given, and nine of the group were ordered into their own van which was commandeered by the police. One activist demanded to be arrested properly and was taken away in a police vehicle. All were driven at dangerous speeds, narrowly avoiding three accidents, with police vehicles front and back flashing their lights and sounding their horns. They eventually arrived at Eastbourne police station, a distance of over 40 miles, and were accompanied by a police helicopter for most of the way. Meanwhile, another police car and riot van appeared at Mayhew to search for the other ALIU van (long since gone from the area) and this resulted in two other vans - who had nothing to do with it - being pulled by the police. On arrival at Eastbourne, the activists were held for 45 minutes in their own van. Eventually they had their names and addresses taken, and were de-arrested when the police conceded that no damage had been caused at the Cross in Hand site. ALIU have reported details of the farcical police operation to their solicitor and action will be taken for wrongful arrest, and compensation sought for inconvenience and the misuse of the groups' petrol.

Friday, 26th March, 1993

A group of twelve ALIU investigators entered the premises of Froxfield Farms Ltd based near Alton, Hants. Froxfield is an animal breeding unit - breeding rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, mice, rats, etc. for laboratories. They will also perform surgical operations on animals for specific orders from laboratories. The site was larger than expected with several buildings remaining un-inspected. However, one large shed contained a large amount of ferrets. Investigators entered another shed containing several hundred rabbits of assorted colours and sizes. A door to the shed beyond this one was open, and revealed yet even more rabbits. Whilst there, an animal technician entered the shed holding a box. He was unperturbed by the small group of people and while going about his business of dropping rabbits into cages he answered questions about the ages of the rabbits entering and leaving the establishment. A film showing the handling of the rabbits has revealed that the methods were incorrect and this will be investigated further. Investigators were appalled by the barrenness of the cages, with no bedding or solid flooring on which the animals could be comfortable. Very loud music was being played - obviously to help the technicians ignore the suffering of these rabbits.

Next was a visit to the infamous Cottage Kennels in Mislingford, Wickham, now called Garetmar. They applied to the local council, and were granted, a licence to keep 50 breeding bitches and 100 pups for sale at any one time. Building work is in progress. Lots of junk cars, bikes, etc. still remain at the back of the property, and larger older dogs were in small concrete runs with small 8 week or younger pups. The visit ended abruptly when the investigators were chased by three workers wielding sticks. Do they have something to hide?

The Animal-Free Shopper

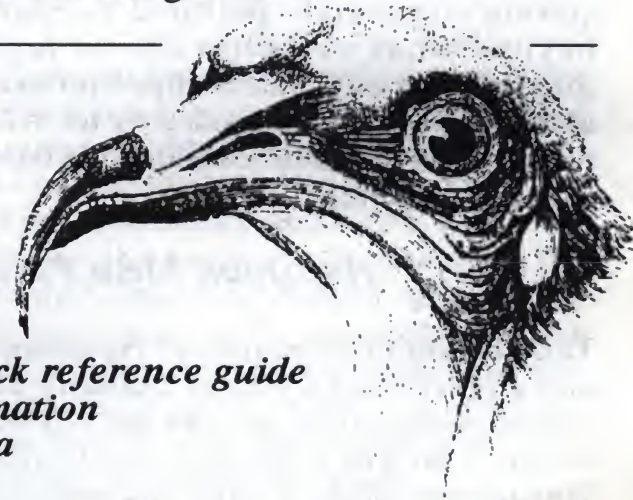
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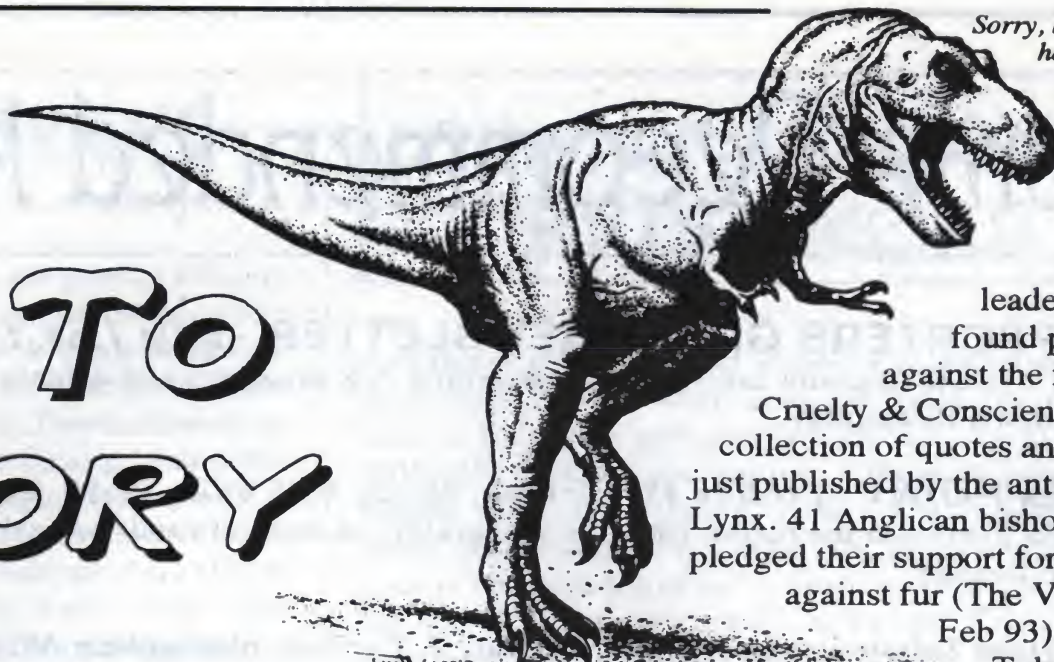
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THE ROAD TO VICTORY



*Sorry, but everyone else
has got dinosaurs!*

Church leaders are to be found preaching against the fur trade in Cruelty & Conscience, a collection of quotes and writings just published by the anti-fur group Lynx. 41 Anglican bishops have pledged their support for the fight against fur (The Vegetarian Feb 93).

Toby the

mongrel escaped a

death sentence yesterday after a court accepted he was not a pit bull terrier. Toby would have been put down if the case had been proved (Western Daily Press 20/1/93).

Councils will be able to register hedges as being of special interest, to stop them being removed by farmers, under a Private Members Bill yesterday (Daily Telegraph 13/2/93).

A head gamekeeper, working for hotel tycoon Lord Forte, was fined £2000 yesterday after a protected badger, killed by a snare, was found in his freezer (Sun 28/1/93).

Otters have returned to the river Severn in Worcester after 30 years. The return is due to reduced pollution levels in the water (Daily Telegraph 1/3/93).

Callous farmer, Peter Nicholson, was behind bars today after his 'inept and casual' treatment of his animals led to many starving and dying in agony. Nicholson was jailed for 13 weeks and also banned from keeping all animals, except pets, for 10 years (Fauna 8).

Evidence is growing that bottle feeding babies with cows' milk-based formula could trigger juvenile diabetes (Fauna 8).

In a Norfolk court case, gamekeeper James Metcalfe was fined £200 for setting 6 illegal gin traps (Fauna 8).

Two baby chimps found undernourished and frightened in airport crates in Johannesburg, South Africa, are now safe in a wildlife reserve in Zambia. They had been shipped from Zaire and were on their way to a vivisection laboratory in another part of Africa (People 28/2/93).

Mark Millington and Husky Miskoe will hope to run 180 miles in the Scottish highlands to raise £10,000 for a wolf sanctuary in Portugal, as well as highlighting the plight of persecuted wolves world-wide (Dulwich Guardian 25/2/93).

Fifty jobs are to be axed at Pharmaco-LSR, a pharmaceutical and product testing lab in Suffolk. The reason being that client companies are not investing as much in research and development (Ipswich Evening Star 10/2/93).

Plans to bulldoze a motorway through the 8000 year old Oxleas Forest were dropped yesterday in a U-turn by the Government (Daily Mail 8/7/93).

One of Britain's most scarce summer visiting birds, the Nightjar, has made a significant recovery (Daily Mail 3/6/93).

Hot dog sales in health conscious America have plunged by up to a third in the past 5 years (Daily Mirror 9/7/93).

Animal lovers campaigning against cruelty at Spanish fiestas forced cancellation of the traditional hurling of a she-goat from a 60 foot church tower at Managese de la Polvorosa, North-West Spain (Daily Telegraph 21/1/93).

An EC Directive giving minimum conditions for caged animals has been resurrected after being scrapped at the Edinburgh summit (Daily Telegraph 19/1/93).

Animal rights campaigners, including men in rubber diving suits, wrecked a village fishing match yesterday (Daily Telegraph 18/1/93).

An eagle which became blind 8 weeks after birth is being taught to fly over the Hampshire countryside after a successful operation to restore its sight (Daily Telegraph 18/1/93).

Otters have been spotted on the River Severn near Shrewsbury, Shropshire, for the first time in more than 30 years. Naturalists say it is thanks to falling pollution (Daily Telegraph 25/1/93).

Compulsory dissection and vivisection is being dropped from undergraduate courses in response to pressure from students and animal rights campaigners. Lancaster University biological and science departments have dropped experimentation on live animals entirely from their courses, and have cut back drastically on practicals involving dead animals and animal tissue (Independent 17/12/92).

Dewhurst Butchers declared debts of £350 million (Outrage Feb/Mar 93).

Recent research has shown that a vegetarian diet can significantly help rheumatoid arthritis sufferers; that a vegetarian diet is effective in reducing blood cholesterol; and that vegetarians are less at risk of contamination from toxic chemicals than meat-eaters (Outrage).

In a verdict which angling experts believe will drastically alter fishing practices on Scotland's rivers, a sheriff yesterday convicted a ghillie of keeping salmon he should have thrown back (Daily Telegraph 3/2/93).

A link has been found between colo-rectal cancer and red meat consumption according to a study reported in the International Journal of Cancer. In an 800 subject dietary study in Northern Italy, red meat, sausage, salami, eggs, cheese and refined starchy foods were all found to increase cancer risk (The Vegetarian Feb 93).

The US Wild Bird Conservation Act will enact an immediate ban on trade in seven species of extremely over-traded parrot. There will also be a US trade moratorium on all species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (The Vegetarian Feb 93).

A leisure scheme planned to rival the Norfolk Broads in Somerset, has been ditched because it could endanger rare otters (Daily Express 27/5/93).

Two out of three people who have tried alternative medicine believe it works, according to a survey (Daily Mail 3/5/93).

The UK is finally a 'Dolphinarium free zone'. Flamingoland has closed its dolphinarium, the last of four to cease operation due to public pressure (Outrage June/July 93).

Figures for the Severn Trent area show a 30% drop in licence sales for fishing in 1992. Clubs like Birmingham Angling Association report a 15% fall in membership (Pisces June 93).

Mintells 1993 forecasts, based on British consumer patterns of income and expenditure, include a prediction of growth in the fruit and veg markets. Meat and fish is identified as being a market in long term decline (Guardian 23/2/93).

After decades of decline, the river Till otter population is recovering, thanks to solid work and hard cash. Northumberland otters were dying mainly from toxins in their food - eels, but due to the work of the National Rivers Authorities, Northumberland Wildlife Trust and farmers of North Northumberland, the otter population will continue to increase on the River Till (The Field April 93).

On March 15th, ALF activists in Norway smashed and spray-painted the entrance of the biggest animal testing lab in Trondheim (SARP Newsletter Spring 93).

Official figures show that each day around 200 shooters are giving up their shotgun licences and leaving the 'sport'. There are now fewer shotgun certificates than at any time since official records began over 20 years ago. Gun manufacturers are said to be very worried by the continuing decline of shooting (Howl Spring 93).

Robodeer are animaltronic deer being used by Marylands National Resources Police to trap people who take pot-shots at the robot deer out of season (Turning Point April/June 93).

The ALF liberated three turkeys and a chicken from Brandenburg Farm Kosher Slaughterhouse on March 21st (Turning Point 4/6/93).

General Motors announced they have ended their car crash experiments on animals (Turning Point 4/6/93).

On December 26th 1992, Sea Shepherd sank the Norwegian registered whaling ship Nybroena (Turning Point 4/6/93).

The WSPA has been involved in sending emergency veterinary supplies to Bosnia to aid domestic and wild animals (Turning Point 4/6/93).

Canada has banned the capture of Beluga whales for export (Turning Point 4/6/93).

Measures to protect several coastal bird sites were announced; Great Yarmouth, North Denes in Norfolk, The Nene washes, the Ouse washes, Gibraltar Point in Lincolnshire, Flamborough Head, Bampton Cliffs and Hornsea Mere in Humberside, are to be special protection sites (Independent 6/3/93).

US psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals recently reported 'Animal research in psychology is declining.' They report a decrease in the number of facilities using animals and animals used resulting in a reduction in academic staff conducting, graduate students engaged in and articles submitted involving, animal

research. They argue that such declines, particularly in the UK and perhaps in the US as well, stem largely from changes in student attitudes (Turning Point April/June 93).

Respect for Animals, a group seeking a worldwide ban on the fur trade, displayed posters of electrocuted animals at the Fendi catwalk show in Milan, which featured fur coats (Independent 11/3/93).

Two tunnels have been built under a road to save toads from being flattened in the mating season. The passages to the Grand Western Canal in Tiverton, Devon were part of a £160,000 road improvement (Daily Star 13/3/93).

Triangular nesting boxes are being installed along Britain's rivers and waterways to try to stop the decline in the number of Barn Owls (Daily Telegraph 2/3/93).

Herds of buffalo may find new homes on the range if cuts in government subsidies force ranchers from the Great Plains (Daily Telegraph 5/3/93).

The £7.5 million Countryside Commission scheme allows farmers payments of up to £120 an acre to preserve traditional landscape features such as meadow, pasture, parkland and orchard; last year 80,000 acres were added to the 74,000 protected in 1991 (Daily Telegraph 10/3/93).

The Norfolk Beagles hare hunting pack has closed down due to lack of support (Turning Point Jan/March 93).

The following US medical schools have all stopped using animals to train medical students; Yale, Baylor in Houston, Jefferson University, Wayne State, Northwestern, University of Hawaii, West Virginia and the University of Oklahoma (Turning Point 1/3/93).

Councils that have recently banned circuses from their land include Reading, Mansfield, Elmbridge, Inverness, Chester and Lancing (Turning Point 1/3/93).

Three 'dancing bears' were rescued by the WSPA in a series of dawn raids on gypsy camps in Greece on January 22nd and the bears are now recovering in the world's first sanctuary for 'dancing' bears. They will be closely monitored in a rehabilitation centre before being released into a 20 acre mountain enclosure (Turning Point 1/3/93).

Bear wrestling at Characters night club in Ohio was cancelled after animal group Peaceable Kingdom complained that this fell under a law banning animal fighting and baiting (Turning Point 1/3/93).

There is evidence that the Japanese otter is not extinct as previously believed (Turning Point 1/3/93).

The Australian Capital Territory has passed the Animal Welfare Act 1992 which bans steel-jawed traps. Rodeos and game parks where animals are held to be killed for sport are also banned. Certain 'exotic' animals are banned from circuses - these are bears, cheetahs, elephants, giraffes, leopards, lions, pumas, and tigers, and others may be listed (Turning Point 1/3/93).

A fishing ban has been imposed on the River Severn at Worcester by the National Rivers Authority to safeguard swans from the danger of hooks, discarded lines and tackle. One angler who ignored the ban was fined £160 pounds by magistrates (Pisces Jan/March 93).

Children of fathers who work in the meat trade are at greater risk of developing leukaemia. Scientists at the US National Cancer Institute have established that slaughterhouse workers are three times more likely to die from Hodgkins' disease. A Nebraskan study has shown that men having frequent contact with cattle are twice as likely to die from leukaemia (Jewish Vegetarian).

Over 45% of the population in Britain are consciously

reducing their meat consumption (Gallup Poll).

Hayle Estuary in Cornwall, home to 19,000 wintering birds and 243 different species, has been bought by the RSPB as a nature reserve for just £1 (Turning Point).

Skylarks, wrens and other wild birds thrive on organic farms where they are not affected by pesticides, say the British Trust for Ornithology (Daily Telegraph 16/3/93)

Six sperm whales stranded in a 'goldfish bowl' of shallow water off the Orkney Islands appear to have been saved after they were slowly manoeuvred and coaxed into deeper water yesterday by a flotilla of boats (Daily Telegraph 26/3/93).

Eleven dogs, belonging to four men who admitted interfering with a badger sett, have been stolen from kennels while in police custody, by animal activists (Grimsby Evening Telegraph 14/1/93).

Two leading members of the College Boys dog fighting syndicate were convicted of causing unnecessary suffering and procuring a dogfight in November 1992 (Fauna 8).

Between 3am and 4am on Christmas morning, members of the ALF broke into the animal house at the University of Essex, Colchester and made off with 300 mice which are all now in good homes (Fauna 8).

Brightons' Shifting Sands restaurant which caused a nationwide storm of protest after dishing up squirrel has closed (SE Liberator Winter 92/93).

18 ducks were removed from the broiler shed belonging to Cherry Valley near Caistor, Lincs and have been taken to new homes by animal activists (Fauna 8).

Police from North Yorkshire & Cleveland joined volunteers to help build a badger sett designed to defeat baiters (Fauna 8).

Flipper, the last remaining captive dolphin in Brazil, was rescued from certain death in January by a mercy flight (Fauna 8).

A fox hunt supporter who attacked and wounded a Green Party official in a violent clash between supporters and saboteurs near Petersfield was sentenced to 140 hours

community service (SE Liberator Winter 92/93).

A hunt servant who was jailed for 2 months after he drove a 'quad' bike at a hunt saboteur lost an appeal against the sentence yesterday and was told his 'aggressive and dangerous' act could have resulted in a longer prison term (Daily Telegraph 18/6/93).

Orphaned seals are being reared in recycled salt-water tanks to give them a better chance of surviving when they are returned to the wild (Daily Telegraph 22/3/93).

Thousands of acres of fertile land are to be flooded around Holland as part of the Government's latest environmental plans to turn agricultural land into wetlands and lakes (Daily Telegraph 7/4/93).

An official clampdown on the use of the whip in horse racing will be introduced from July (Animal Life Spring 93).

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons made the decision to stop vets from docking dogs tails for purely cosmetic reasons (Animal Life Spring 93).

The RSPCA returned 100 rare birds to Colombia. The endangered species was seized by customs in Belgium (Animal Life Spring 93).

The Sandwood crofting estate in Sutherland, whose 11,000 acres include one of Britain's finest beaches, has been bought by the John Mair Trust, a young conservation organisation (Daily Telegraph 16/4/93).

Anti-field sports saboteurs in Germany have joined forces with militant animal rights groups and vegetarian associations to mount operations to spoil wild game shooting (Daily Telegraph 16/4/93).

Colin Seymore, a retired teacher, discovered that it was possible to protect some hedges under 18th century Inclosure Acts. Now several councils have begun to include references to Inclosure hedges in their planning policies (Sunday Telegraph 7/2/93).

The Vegetarian Society says its research shows that at least 3.1 million adults are now vegetarian, - 7% of the population. With vegetarianism even more common in the younger generation it is yet more bad news for the meat industry. The results of the research received surprising backup from an article by the editors of 'Meat Focus' who say, "As meat becomes recognised more for its 'entertainment value' and not as a dietary requirement, the perceptions of consumers will need to be addressed" (Fauna 8).

A piece of the Sussex coast has been given permanent protection from developers by the National Trust which has purchased 288 acres on the western bank of the Cuckmere estuary near Seaford (Daily Telegraph 28/4/93)

A chemical company was fined £12,000 with £2,107 costs at Warrington, Cheshire after admitting polluting the Mersey (Daily Telegraph 16/4/93).

The Grand National was disrupted by the group 'Action to Abolish the Grand National' before an estimated worldwide TV audience of 500 million on April 3rd, 1993 (Turning Point).



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